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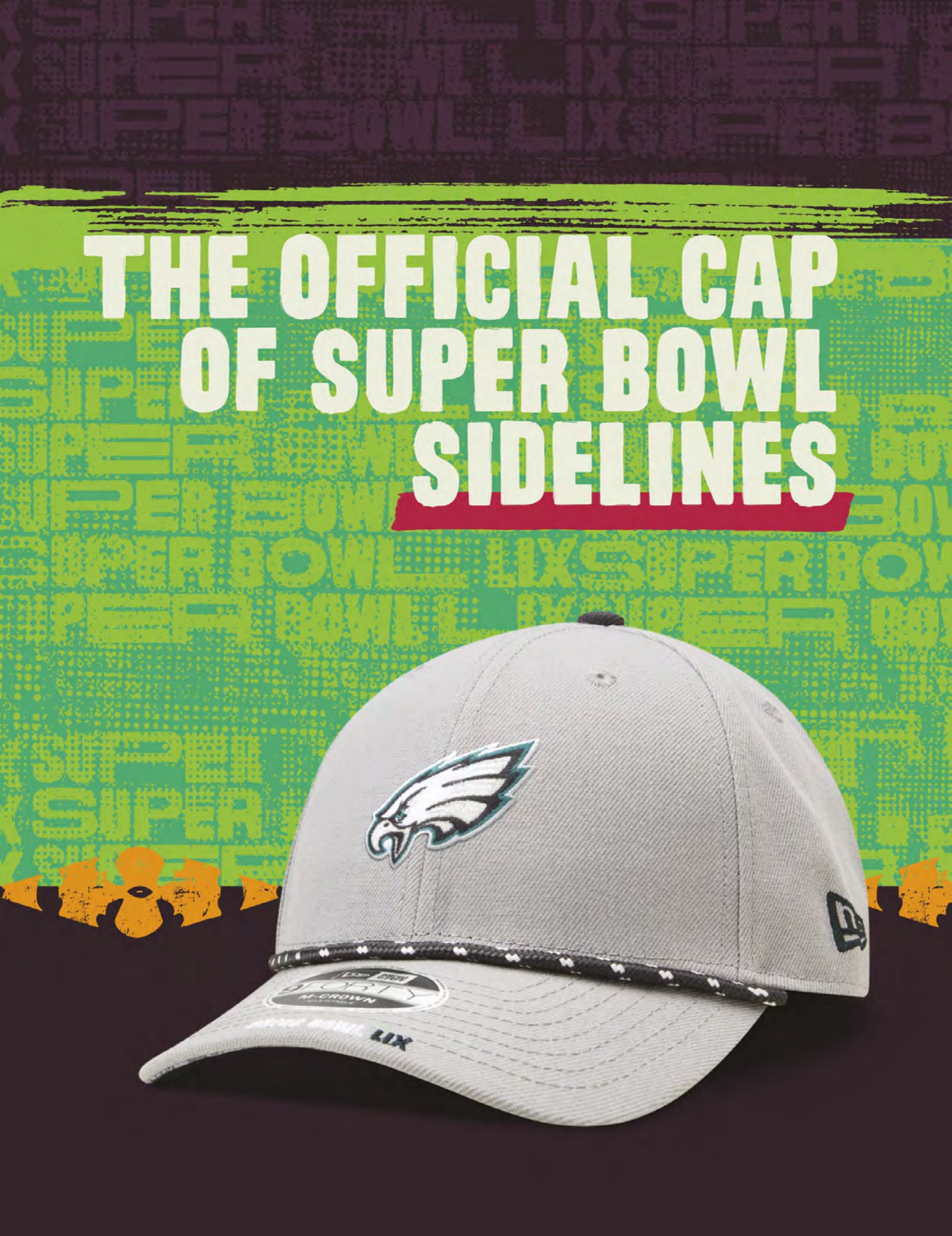

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Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts was the only NFL player this season to both throw for and rush for at least 14 touchdowns.

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EAGLES ARE ON THE ULTIMATE RUN

BY CRAIG ELLENPORT

WHEN PHILADELPHIA EAGLES running back Saquon Barkley pulled off an uncanny backwards hurdle over a would-be tackler in a Week 9 victory over the Jaguars, it was more than just a viral video moment. Barkley's move was symbolic for a team that will do anything to come out on top in Super Bowl LIX.

After capturing the NFC East with a 14-3 record and soaring to three home playoff wins, the Eagles will square off against Kansas City for the Lombardi Trophy for the second time in three years.

Philadelphia defeated the Patriots in Super Bowl LII following the 2017 campaign. Only four players remain from that team: offensive lineman Lane Johnson, kicker Jake Elliott, long snapper

Eagles running back Saquon Barkley (left) had the first 200-yard rushing game of his career this season, tallying 255 yards against the Rams in Week 12. His second 200-yard game was in the Divisional Round of the playoffs — also against the Rams — when he ran for 205 yards. Guard Landon Dickerson (above), who earned a third consecutive Pro Bowl nod this season, helped the Eagles have the NFC's best rushing offense.

FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP IMAGES (Barkley); EMILEE CHINN/AP IMAGES (Dickerson)

Rick Lovato, and defensive lineman Brandon Graham, who is on injured reserve.

Many more of this year's players were part of the team that lost a heartbreaker to the Chiefs two years ago in Super Bowl LVII. They expected to get right back to the title game in 2023, but dropped five of their last six regular-season games and then were eliminated in the Wild Card round.

Enter Barkley. A free-agent acquisition who played his first six NFL seasons with the rival Giants, Barkley has produced one of the greatest seasons ever for a running back, becoming the ninth player in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards.

That said, Barkley is only the second of those nine backs to follow his 2,000-yard campaign with a Super Bowl appearance. (The other was Terrell Davis, whose Broncos won Super Bowl XXXIII.)

Of course, Barkley is far from the only reason Philadelphia has won 15 of its last 16 games. Jalen Hurts continues to be one of the league's most dynamic dual-threat quarterbacks. The offensive line has been among the best despite losing a future Hall

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (17-3)
2024 RESULTS

Sep. 6	vs. PACKERS*	34-29	W
Sep. 16	vs. FALCONS	21-22	L
Sep. 22	at SAINTS	15-12	W
Sep. 29	at BUCCANEERS	16-33	L
Oct. 13	vs. BROWNS	20-16	W
Oct. 20	at GIANTS	28-3	W
Oct. 27	at BENGALS	37-17	W
Nov. 3	vs. JAGUARS	28-23	W
Nov. 10	at COWBOYS	34-6	W
Nov. 14	vs. COMMANDERS	26-18	W
Nov. 24	at RAMS	37-20	W
Dec. 1	at RAVENS	24-19	W
Dec. 8	vs. PANTHERS	22-16	W
Dec. 15	vs. STEELERS	27-13	W
Dec. 22	at COMMANDERS	33-36	L
Dec. 29	vs. COWBOYS	41-7	W
Jan. 5	vs. GIANTS	20-13	W

*Played in Saõ Paulo

NFC PLAYOFFS			
Jan. 12	vs. PACKERS	22-10	W
Jan. 19	vs. RAMS	28-22	W
Jan. 26	vs. COMMANDERS	55-23	W

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of Famer to retirement. And the defense, with a mix of rookies and veterans, was the NFL's top-ranked unit.

"Can't say enough of how tough our team is, in all three of those phases: physical, mental, and effort," Eagles head coach Nick Sirianni says.

That toughness begins with Sirianni, who's been the Eagles' head coach since 2021. Last year's bitter ending and a slow start to this season had some fans wondering about the direction of the team, but Sirianni never wavered, and Philadelphia has been nearly unbeatable since its Week 5 bye.

Sirianni is one of only six head coaches in NFL history to make the playoffs in each of his first four seasons, and he's one of seven to win 14-plus games in a season more than once — the other six all have at least one Super Bowl victory on their résumé.

OFFENSE

When we last saw Jalen Hurts in a Super Bowl, he was putting up MVP-type numbers. In the loss to the Chiefs in Super Bowl LVII, Hurts passed for 304 yards and one touchdown and rushed for 70 yards and another three scores. In 2023, he produced career highs with 3,858 passing yards and 23 TDs, but he also had a career-high 15 interceptions. This season, Hurts has been more conservative with his passing, but he's drastically cut down the turnovers.

"Pretty impressive by him of being able to lead us to wins while also taking care of the football," Sirianni says of his 26-year-old quarterback, who threw just five picks during the regular season. "I can't give him enough credit for that because that's very difficult. ... When you win the turnover battle in this league, it's one of the best

A.J. Brown (left) has been the leading receiver in each of his three seasons with the Eagles, and he's topped 1,000 receiving yards five times in his six NFL campaigns. Linebacker Zack Baun (above) led the Eagles in tackles this season, and notably, his five forced fumbles were an NFC-best. Offensive tackle Lane Johnson (right) has spent his entire 12-year NFL career in Philadelphia and is one of four current Eagles who was with the team when they won Super Bowl LII.

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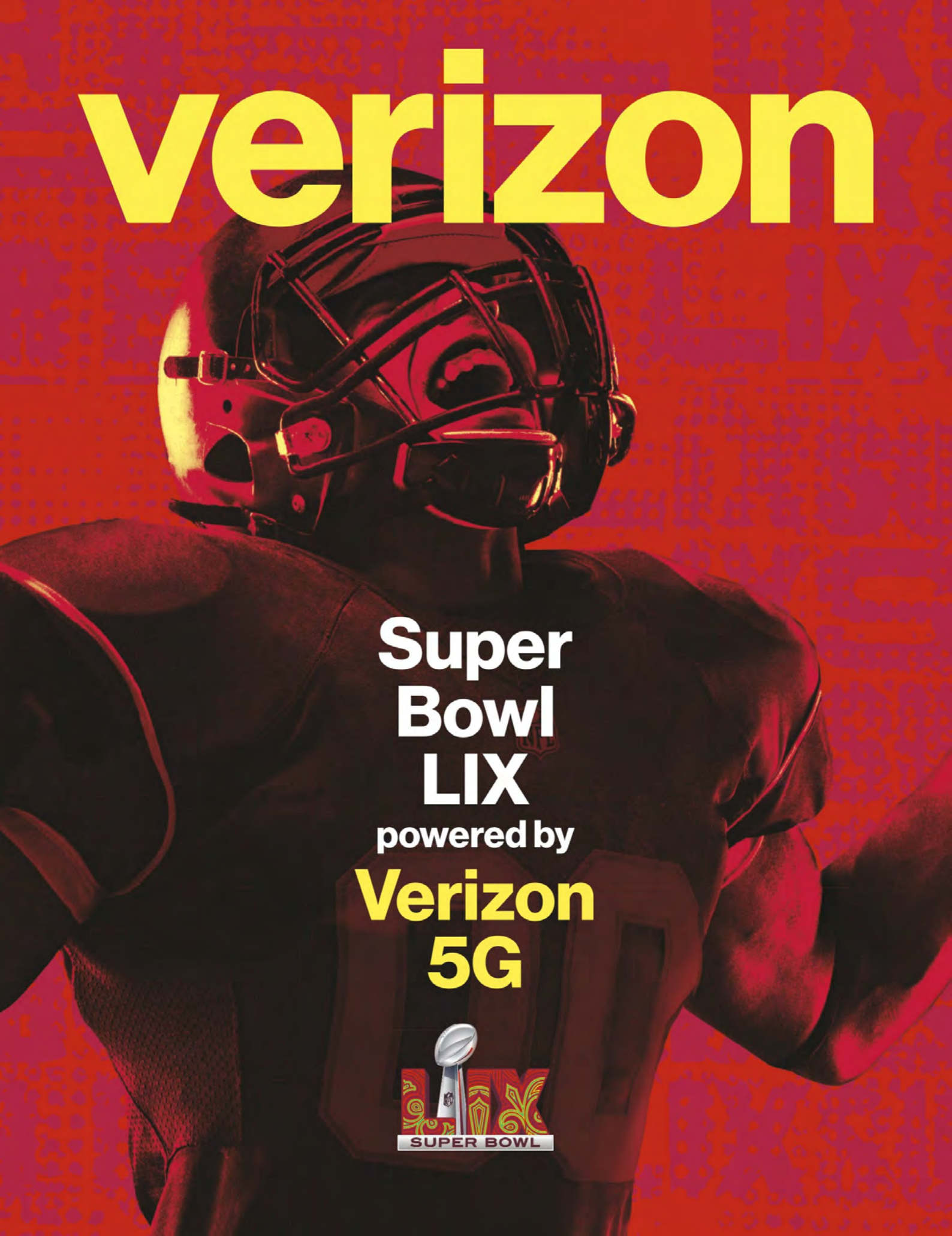
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stat indicators of what is going to happen in the game. It's really just a great job by him putting our team in a position to win each week because of how he's taking care of the football."

Since 2022, Hurts is 41-12 (.774) as the Eagles' starter. Only the Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes has a better winning percentage in that time.

While other quarterbacks put up more rushing yards, Hurts led all players at his position with 14 rushing touchdowns — his fourth straight season with at least 10 rushing scores. Many of those came from the Eagles' "Tush Push" formation at the goal line, but Hurts is capable of much more than that, as evidenced by his 44-yard TD scamper that kicked off the scoring in Philadelphia's Divisional Playoff win against the Rams.

Of course, Hurts was happy to see his running prowess take a back seat to Barkley, who's had a season for the ages, rushing for 2,005 yards. He went into Week 18 needing just 101 yards to break Eric Dickerson's 40-year-old NFL single-season record, but he didn't play that game since the Eagles had locked up the No. 2 seed and wanted to rest their starters.

Still, there are milestones in sight. Including the playoffs, Barkley now has 2,447 rushing yards and 2,758 scrimmage yards, closing in on the all-time records set by Terrell Davis in 1998 (2,476 rushing, 2,762 scrimmage). Barkley did set one NFL mark in the conference championship game, posting his 16th game of the season with at least 110 scrimmage yards, breaking a tie with Marcus Allen (1985), Davis (1998), and Barry Foster (1992).

When Hurts looks to pass, he has one of the league's most dangerous receiving duos in A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith. Despite missing three games, Brown led the team with 1,079 yards, his third straight 1,000-yard season. Smith had 833 yards and topped the team with 68 receptions (one more than Brown) and eight TDs (also one more than Brown).

Veteran tight end Dallas Goedert was Hurts' third-favorite target. Goedert had 42 catches for 496 yards. He only scored two touchdowns, but he's also had some clutch grabs in the playoffs. And his

Bert Bell would go on to become the commissioner of the NFL, but it was in his role as Eagles co-owner in 1935 that he proposed a player draft giving the league's worst teams the top picks. The idea helped alter the course of professional sports.

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CAUGHT UP IN THE DRAFT

The NFL draft is one of football's most spectacular and eagerly anticipated events each year. Now a three-day event, with round-by-round live television coverage, the draft has become a movable feast, bringing its star power and serious revenues to whichever city is lucky enough to host. (Green Bay will be the site in 2025.) It's an unmissable event, because everyone understands that these three days can have a long-term impact on teams, players, and fans.

It's certainly come a long way since the idea of a draft was first proposed by Philadelphia Eagles co-owner Bert Bell at a league meeting in 1935. Up until that time, NFL teams would negotiate directly with the top collegiate stars, meaning that the teams with the most money and prestige would inevitably land the best players. It was a pretty simple formula for allowing the best teams to remain on top.

Conversely, Bell's proposed draft allowed teams to take turns selecting players from a pool of eligible names, with the worst team (record-wise) of the preceding NFL season getting the first pick. His idea was unanimously approved, and seeing its success, other professional sports leagues adopted similar rules in the ensuing decades.

The Eagles, who finished last in the NFL in 1935, received the top pick of the inaugural NFL draft in 1936. There, 90 names of college seniors were written on a blackboard at Philadelphia's Ritz-Carlton Hotel, with the Eagles selecting Heisman Trophy winner and All-American halfback Jay Berwanger from the University of Chicago No. 1 overall.

Interestingly, the Eagles were unable to come to terms with their top choice, and Bell traded Berwanger's rights to the Chicago Bears, who likewise wouldn't meet his $1,000 a game demand.

In fact, Berwanger never played a game in the NFL, but Bell's idea of a draft not only survived but thrived, opening doors of opportunity for generations of players and helping to level the playing field for more teams to get their shot at NFL glory.

— Mark Preston

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One season after finishing second in Defensive Rookie of the Year voting, defensive tackle Jalen Carter (left) led the Eagles in tackles for loss and earned his first Pro Bowl selection. Place-kicker Jake Elliott, making his third Super Bowl appearance with the Eagles, is perfect on five field-goal attempts in the big game and 22-of-23 overall in the playoffs.

contributions go beyond receptions. Eagles offensive coordinator Kellen Moore praises Goedert's run blocking as the "secret sauce" to his game.

The Eagles' offensive line has been one of the league's best the last few years, but some predicted a step back with the retirement of future Hall of Fame center Jason Kelce. There was no such letdown, as third-year pro Cam Jurgens replaced Kelce and earned his first Pro Bowl nod. Jurgens is one of three Pro Bowl linemen for Philadelphia, joined by left guard Landon Dickerson (his third Pro Bowl selection) and right tackle Lane Johnson (his sixth). The 6-6, 325-pound Johnson, still going strong at age 34, is another player who will likely be enshrined in Canton after he retires. Opposite Johnson is left tackle Jordan Mailata, the former rugby standout from Australia.

DEFENSE

There have been a few key additions to the Philadelphia defense this season, both through free agency and the draft, but the most important newcomer is veteran defensive coordinator Vic Fangio, who served as a defensive consultant for the Eagles' Super Bowl team two years ago. The team brought him back this season and the results are obvious: The Eagles led the NFL in total defense (278.4 yards per game) and passing defense (174.2).

Fangio, who was the AP's NFL Assistant Coach of the Year with the Bears in 2018, could be in line to win the award again this season.

"He has taken basically the same group," says NBC's Cris Collinsworth, "and completely turned around this Eagles defense."

It also might be a case of the Eagles' young defenders blossoming. That's certainly the case with defensive tackle

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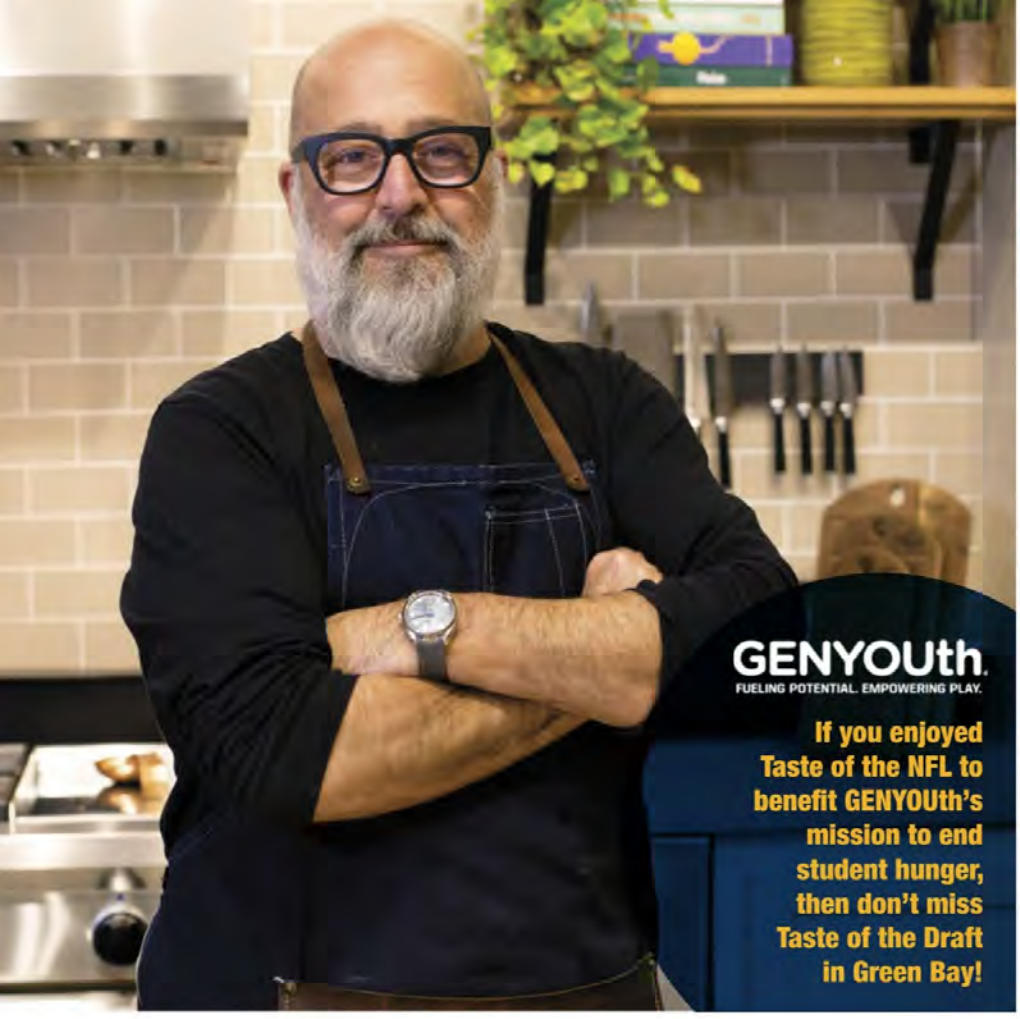
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Jalen Carter, the ninth overall draft pick in 2023 who earned Pro Bowl honors this season. The 6-3, 314-pound Carter has been a force in the middle, both stuffing the run and providing a nasty inside pass rush. Carter had 4.5 sacks, and Pro Football Focus gave him the fourth-best pass rush grade among interior linemen. His late sack of the Rams' Matthew Stafford in the Divisional Playoffs prevented a TD and may have saved Philly's season.

With Carter collapsing the pocket, outside linebackers Josh Sweat and Nolan Smith have been closing the deal; Sweat led the team with eight sacks and Smith was next with 6.5.

Perhaps the biggest surprise for Philadelphia is the emergence of inside linebacker Zack Baun, a modest free-agent pickup who started only 14 games in four seasons with the Saints. Baun won a starting job and has thrived in the Eagles' defense, finishing with 150 tackles and five forced fumbles (second in the NFL behind T.J. Watt).

"I think he exceeded most everyone's expectations. Probably even [his own]," Fangio says of Baun, who was named an All-Pro. "But now there are no limitations. He's set a standard for himself, and he's got to show up and do it every week."

The secondary is a mix of savvy veterans and upstart rookies. Six-time Pro Bowler Darius Slay and first-round pick Quinyon Mitchell are the starting cornerbacks. Both excel in man coverage, which gives the rest of the defense flexibility. Second-round draft pick Cooper DeJean starts as the nickelback and came into the playoffs having yet to allow a touchdown pass.

With Slay, Mitchell, and DeJean blanketing receivers, veteran safeties C.J. Gardner-Johnson and Reed Blankenship have been free to roam, and they accounted for 10 of the team's 13 regular-season interceptions (Gardner-Johnson 6, Blankenship 4).

SPECIAL TEAMS

Jake Elliott, in his eighth season, has five Super Bowl field goals to his credit. He connected on 28 of 36 field-goal attempts in 2024, and while he only made one kick of 50+ yards, he was a reliable 27-of-29 from inside the 50.

Punter Braden Mann averaged 48.8 yards

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
ALL-TIME PLAYOFF RESULTS
(28 WINS, 26 LOSSES; 1 SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP)

YEAR	ROUND	OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L
1947	NFL Divisional	at Steelers	21-0	W
	NFL Championship	at Chicago Cardinals	21-28	L
1948	NFL Championship	vs. Chicago Cardinals	7-0	W
1949	NFL Championship	at Rams	14-0	W
1960	NFL Championship	vs. Packers	17-13	W
1978	NFC Wild Card	at Falcons	13-14	L
1979	NFC Wild Card	vs. Bears	27-17	W
	NFC Divisional	at Buccaneers	17-24	L
1980	NFC Divisional	vs. Vikings	31-16	W
	NFC Championship	vs. Cowboys	20-7	W
	Super Bowl XV	**Oakland Raiders**	**10-27**	L
1981	NFC Wild Card	vs. Giants	21-27	L
1988	NFC Divisional	at Bears	12-20	L
1989	NFC Wild Card	vs. Rams	7-21	L
1990	NFC Wild Card	vs. Washington Redskins	6-20	L
1992	NFC Wild Card	at Saints	36-20	W
	NFC Divisional	at Cowboys	10-34	L
1995	NFC Wild Card	vs. Lions	58-37	W
	NFC Divisional	at Cowboys	11-30	L
1996	NFC Wild Card	at 49ers	0-14	L
2000	NFC Wild Card	vs. Buccaneers	21-3	W
	NFC Divisional	at Giants	10-20	L
2001	NFC Wild Card	vs. Buccaneers	31-9	W
	NFC Divisional	at Bears	33-19	W
	NFC Championship	at St. Louis Rams	24-29	L
2002	NFC Divisional	vs. Falcons	20-6	W
	NFC Championship	vs. Buccaneers	10-27	L
2003	NFC Divisional	vs. Packers	20-17 (OT)	W
	NFC Championship	vs. Panthers	3-14	L
2004	NFC Divisional	vs. Vikings	27-14	W
	NFC Championship	vs. Falcons	27-10	W
	Super Bowl XXXIX	**Patriots**	**21-24**	L
2006	NFC Wild Card	vs. Giants	23-20	W
	NFC Divisional	at Saints	24-27	L
2008	NFC Wild Card	at Vikings	26-14	W
	NFC Divisional	at Giants	23-11	W
	NFC Championship	at Cardinals	25-32	L
2009	NFC Wild Card	at Cowboys	14-34	L
2010	NFC Wild Card	vs. Packers	16-21	L
2013	NFC Wild Card	vs. Saints	24-26	L
2017	NFC Divisional	vs. Falcons	15-10	W
	NFC Championship	vs. Vikings	38-7	W
	Super Bowl LII	**Patriots**	**41-33**	W
2018	NFC Wild Card	at Bears	16-15	W
	NFC Divisional	at Saints	14-20	L
2019	NFC Wild Card	vs. Seahawks	9-17	L
2021	NFC Wild Card	at Buccaneers	15-31	L
2022	NFC Divisional	vs. Giants	38-7	W
	NFC Championship	vs. 49ers	31-7	W
	Super Bowl LVII	**Chiefs**	**35-38**	L
2023	NFC Wild Card	at Buccaneers	9-32	L
2024	NFC Wild Card	vs. Packers	22-10	W
	NFC Divisional	vs. Rams	28-22	W
	NFC Championship	vs. Commanders	55-23	W

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per punt; his net average of 42.8 ranked 10th in the league.

While veteran running back Kenneth Gainwell's presence in the offense has taken a step back with the arrival of Barkley, he has been a key special teamer. Gainwell averaged 25.3 yards on kickoff returns. DeJean has been similarly strong on punt returns, averaging 10.0 yards.

GAME PLAN

The Eagles only have lost once since September, and they convincingly avenged that Week 16 defeat to the Commanders in the NFC title game. They held nine of their last 13 regular-season opponents to 18 points or fewer.

Both of the Eagles' Super Bowl appearances in the past seven years were shootouts: a 41-33 win against the Patriots and a 38-35 loss to the Chiefs — but it's hard to imagine this defense allowing that many points.

Not that the Eagles couldn't win a shootout, as they demonstrated in the win over Washington. They don't even need to pass to gain large chunks of yardage — Barkley has nine runs of at least 55 yards this season and can break a long touchdown run at any time. With opposing defenses forced to focus on slowing down Barkley, play-action passing can create big opportunities for Brown and Smith.

No team has been hotter than Philadelphia down the stretch, and the Eagles don't appear ready to settle.

"Enough is never enough in terms of the standards we have for ourselves and what we want to do," Hurts says. "There's always a hunger, there's always a drive for more. This urge to continue to improve. When you play the game, it's about improving, but the number one thing in playoff ball is winning. ... So we want to go out there and find ways to win."

Whether that's with a Tush Push, a big play on defense, or a backwards hurdle, the Eagles are prepared to do whatever it takes to win. And if that happens, Broad Street will be ready with a parade that would even make New Orleans proud.

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NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

EAGLES 55
FINAL
COMMANDERS 23

WITH DOMINANT EFFORTS on both sides of the ball, the Eagles rolled to victory to reach the Super Bowl for the fifth time in franchise history. Philadelphia tied an NFL playoff record with seven rushing touchdowns, and its 55 points scored were the most in a conference championship game since the 1970 merger.

Making the outburst possible was an Eagles defense that forced four turnovers — each leading to a TD — and collected three sacks.

The Eagles were off and running early. After a Commanders field goal to open the game, Saquon Barkley broke free for a 60-yard TD on Philly's first play from scrimmage. It was his seventh touchdown run of at least that distance this season and the first of three times he reached the end zone on the day. In total, Philly racked up 230 yards on the ground, 118 by Barkley.

QB Jalen Hurts also had three rushing touchdowns, and he was equally effective through the air, completing 20 of 28 passes for 246 yards and a TD — a 4-yard throw to A.J. Brown in the final minute of the first half to make the score 27-12. Dallas Goedert led the Eagles with seven catches.

The linebacker duo of Zack Baun and Oren Burks keyed the Eagles' defense. Baun had a team-high 12 tackles and forced a fumble, while Burks contributed nine tackles, a forced fumble, and a sack.

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	1	2	3	4	F
#6 Commanders	3	12	8	0	23
#2 **Eagles**	14	13	7	21	**55**

1st Quarter
WAS Zane Gonzalez 34-yard FG, 7:57
PHI Saquon Barkley 60-yard run (Jake Elliott kick), 7:39
PHI Barkley 4-yard run (Elliott kick), 3:43

2nd Quarter
WAS Gonzalez 46-yard FG, 14:42
WAS Terry McLaurin 36-yard pass from Jayden Daniels (pass failed), 7:05
PHI Jalen Hurts 1-yard run (run failed), 1:44
PHI A.J. Brown 4-yard pass from Hurts (Elliott kick), 0:39
WAS Gonzalez 42-yard FG, 0:02

3rd Quarter
PHI Hurts 9-yard run (Elliott kick), 8:58
WAS Daniels 10-yard run (Olamide Zaccheaus pass from Daniels), 5:01

4th Quarter
PHI Hurts 1-yard run (Elliott kick), 12:24
PHI Barkley 4-yard run (Elliott kick), 7:58
PHI Will Shipley 2-yard run (Elliott kick), 3:03

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Scouting REPORT

NFC CHAMPIONS
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Jeffrey Lurie

CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JEFFREY LURIE is completing his 31st season as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Philadelphia Eagles. Lurie purchased the franchise on May 6, 1994, and instituted an organizational infrastructure that reflects the pride and passion of the region, where tireless work ethic and innovation deeply coincides with consistent results. His commitment to excellence has launched an unprecedented era of success, including the first Super Bowl championship in team history, when the Eagles defeated the New England Patriots, 41-33, in Super Bowl LII.

Today regarded among the most prominent franchises in professional sports, the Eagles began their ascent during the first full year of Lurie's ownership in 1995 and have since grown into a customary presence in the NFL's postseason. The Eagles are one of six teams with four Super Bowl appearances (XXXIX, LII, LVII, and LIX) since 2004 and lead the NFC in conference title games (8) dating back to 2001. Impressively, a third of the Eagles' seasons since 2001 have resulted in NFC Championship Game or Super Bowl appearances. In addition, the Eagles have earned 11 of their 13 all-time NFC East championships since 2001, which leads the division in that span.

Overall, the Philadelphia Eagles have made the playoffs 19 times under Lurie's direction and have produced the third-most postseason bids in the NFL since the turn of the century (17), including trips in seven of the last eight seasons (2017-19, 2021-24). Moreover, including the playoffs, the Eagles have recorded the fifth-highest winning percentage (.595, 258-175-2) in the NFL since 2000.

Lurie's blueprint for success has had a profound impact on the field, leading to a greater overall winning percentage (.567, 303-231-3), more playoff games (38), and more playoff victories (20) than all previous ownership groups combined.

A thoughtful and compassionate philanthropist who has family ties to autism, Lurie is dedicated to raising critical research funds for the developmental disorder and has leveraged his resources as a professional sports owner to turn autism awareness into action.

In 2019, Lurie expanded on this commitment by launching the team's signature charitable initiative, the Eagles Autism Foundation, which has since raised more than $30 million to help drive scientific breakthroughs and establish Philadelphia as a major center for autism research and care.

Through the Eagles Autism Foundation, the organization is viewed nationally as a progressive leader in the autism community. Most notably, the Eagles Autism Challenge, which is the foundation's annual cycling and 5K run/walk event, generated a record $8.1 million in 2024.

Lurie earned a B.A. from Clark University, a master's degree in psychology from Boston University, and a Ph.D. in social policy from Brandeis University. He recently formed Play/Action Pictures to produce socially impactful films and has served as an executive producer for Academy Award-winning documentaries such as *Summer of Soul* (2022), *Inocente* (2013), and *Inside Job* (2010).

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Scouting REPORT

Nick Sirianni

HEAD COACH

Nick Sirianni is in his fourth season as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. He possesses a 48-20 (.706) regular-season record, marking the third-highest winning percentage by a head coach in the Super Bowl era, and his 48 victories are the second-most by a head coach in their first four career years in NFL history.

Sirianni is one of six head coaches in history to advance to the playoffs in each of their first four seasons at the helm, and he is the only head coach to accomplish that feat while also making multiple Super Bowl appearances, having previously reached Super Bowl LVII.

Sirianni, who is the first Eagles head coach to earn two Super Bowl berths, directed a franchise-record-tying 14-3 season in 2024. He became the seventh head coach in NFL history to win 14 games twice, including just the second to do so within the first four years of their career. Sirianni also presided over the No. 1-ranked defense (278.4 ypg) in the league, as well as an offense that established club records in rushing yards (3,048) and team passer rating (103.4). Under his guidance, eight players have earned 12 All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors, including Saquon Barkley, who became the ninth player in NFL history to post 2,000 rushing yards (2,005) in a season.

Sirianni previously spent three years (2018-20) as the Colts' offensive coordinator. He also held posts with the Chargers (2013-17) and Chiefs (2009-12) after starting his coaching career at Mount Union (2004-05) and Indiana (Pa.) (2006-08).

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Cornerbacks

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE	HOW ACQUIRED
0	Bryce Huff	DE	6-3	254	4/17/98	5	Memphis	FA (NYJ) '24
1	Jalen Hurts	QB	6-1	223	8/7/98	5	Oklahoma	D2 '20
2	Darius Slay	CB	6-0	190	1/1/91	12	Mississippi State	T (Det) '20
3	Nolan Smith	OLB	6-2	238	1/18/01	2	Georgia	D1b '23
4	Jake Elliott	K	5-9	167	1/21/95	8	Memphis	PS (Cin) '17
6	DeVonta Smith	WR	6-0	170	11/14/98	4	Alabama	D1 '21
7	Kenny Pickett	QB	6-3	220	6/6/98	3	Pittsburgh	T (Pit) '24
8	C.J. Gardner-Johnson	S	5-11	208	12/20/97	6	Florida	FA (Det) '24
10	Braden Mann	P	5-11	198	11/24/97	5	Texas A&M	FA '23
11	A.J. Brown	WR	6-1	226	6/30/97	6	Mississippi	T (Ten) '22
14	Kenneth Gainwell	RB	5-9	200	3/14/99	4	Memphis	D5 '21
16	Tanner McKee	QB	6-6	231	4/27/00	2	Stanford	D6 '23
19	Josh Sweat	OLB	6-5	265	3/29/97	7	Florida State	D4b '18
21	Sydney Brown	S	5-10	211	3/21/00	2	Illinois	D3b '23
22	Kelee Ringo	CB	6-2	207	6/27/02	2	Georgia	D4 '23
23	Eli Ricks	CB	6-2	188	9/26/01	2	Alabama	UDFA '23
26	Saquon Barkley	RB	6-0	232	2/9/97	7	Penn State	FA (NYG) '24
27	Quinyon Mitchell	CB	6-0	193	7/18/01	R	Toledo	D1 '24
28	Will Shipley	RB	5-11	209	8/29/02	R	Clemson	D4 '24
29	Avonte Maddox	DB	5-9	184	3/31/96	7	Pittsburgh	D4a '18
32	Reed Blankenship	S	6-1	203	3/2/99	3	Middle Tennessee State	UDFA '22
33	Cooper DeJean	DB	6-0	198	2/9/03	R	Iowa	D2 '24
34	Isaiah Rodgers	CB	5-10	176	1/7/98	4	Massachusetts	FA '23
36	Tristin McCollum	S	6-3	195	5/3/99	1	Sam Houston State	FA '23
38	Lewis Cine	S	6-2	199	10/5/99	3	Georgia	PS (Buf) '24
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	3/21/95	7	Vanderbilt	FA (SF) '24
49	Rick Lovato	LS	6-2	249	9/9/92	8	Old Dominion	FA '16
51	Cam Jurgens	C	6-3	303	8/21/99	3	Nebraska	D2 '22
53	Zack Baun	LB	6-3	225	12/30/96	5	Wisconsin	FA (NO) '24
54	Jeremiah Trotter Jr.	LB	6-0	225	12/24/02	R	Clemson	D5b '24
56	Tyler Steen	G/T	6-6	321	6/24/00	2	Alabama	D3a '23
58	Jalyx Hunt	OLB	6-3	252	3/13/01	R	Houston Christian	D3 '24
59	Thomas Booker	DT	6-3	301	11/11/99	2	Stanford	FA '23
61	Nick Gates	OL	6-5	312	11/27/95	7	Nebraska	FA '24
64	Brett Toth	OL	6-6	304	9/1/96	6	Army	FA '23
65	Lane Johnson	T	6-6	325	5/8/90	12	Oklahoma	D1 '13
68	Jordan Mailata	T	6-8	365	3/31/97	7	—	D7 '18
69	Landon Dickerson	G	6-6	332	9/30/98	4	Alabama	D2 '21
72	Darian Kinnard	T/G	6-5	322	12/29/99	2	Kentucky	FA '24
74	Fred Johnson	T	6-7	326	6/5/97	6	Florida	FA '22
77	Mekhi Becton	G/T	6-7	363	4/18/99	5	Louisville	FA (NYJ) '24
79	Trevor Keegan	G	6-5	306	8/30/00	R	Michigan	D5c '24
80	Parris Campbell	WR	6-1	205	7/16/97	6	Ohio State	FA (NYG) '24
81	Grant Calcaterra	TE	6-4	240	12/4/98	3	Southern Methodist	D6b '22
82	Ainias Smith	WR	5-9	176	5/31/01	R	Texas A&M	D5a '24
83	Jahan Dotson	WR	5-11	184	3/22/00	3	Penn State	T (Was) '24
84	E.J. Jenkins	TE	6-6	245	11/3/98	1	Georgia Tech	FA '24
88	Dallas Goedert	TE	6-5	256	1/3/95	7	South Dakota State	D2 '18
89	Johnny Wilson	WR	6-6	228	4/3/01	R	Florida State	D6a '24
90	Jordan Davis	DT	6-6	336	1/12/00	3	Georgia	D1 '22
93	Milton Williams	DT	6-3	290	4/6/99	4	Louisiana Tech	D3 '21
97	Moro Ojomo	DT	6-3	292	8/15/01	2	Texas	D7 '23
98	Jalen Carter	DT	6-3	314	4/4/01	2	Georgia	D1a '23

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	COMP-ATT	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	RTNG
Jalen Hurts	248-361	68.7	2903	18	5	103.7
Tanner McKee	30-45	66.7	323	4	0	117.2
Kenny Pickett	25-42	59.5	291	2	1	86.5

	RUSHING				
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Saquon Barkley	345	2005	5.8	72	13
Jalen Hurts	150	630	4.2	35	14
Kenneth Gainwell	75	290	3.9	20	1
Will Shipley	30	82	2.7	9	0

	RECEIVING				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
DeVonta Smith	68	833	12.3	49	8
A.J. Brown	67	1079	16.1	67	7
Dallas Goedert	42	496	11.8	61	2
Saquon Barkley	33	278	8.4	43	2
Grant Calcaterra	24	298	12.4	34	1
Jahan Dotson	19	216	11.4	36	0
Kenneth Gainwell	16	116	7.3	16	0

DEPTH CHART		
WR	11	A.J. Brown
	89	Johnny Wilson
LT	68	Jordan Mailata
	74	Fred Johnson
LG	69	Landon Dickerson
	79	Trevor Keegan
C	51	Cam Jurgens
	61	Nick Gates
	64	Brett Toth
RG	77	Mekhi Becton
	56	Tyler Steen
RT	65	Lane Johnson
	72	Darian Kinnard
TE	88	Dallas Goedert
	81	Grant Calcaterra
	84	E.J. Jenkins
WR	83	Jahan Dotson
	82	Ainias Smith
WR	6	DeVonta Smith
	80	Parris Campbell
RB	26	Saquon Barkley
	14	Kenneth Gainwell
	28	Will Shipley
QB	1	Jalen Hurts
	7	Kenny Pickett
	16	Tanner McKee

DEFENSE

	TACKLES		
	SOLO	ASSISTS	TOTAL
Zack Baun	92	58	150
Nakobe Dean	80	48	128
Reed Blankenship	52	26	78
C.J. Gardner-Johnson	35	24	59
Cooper DeJean	37	13	50
Darius Slay	39	10	49
Quinyon Mitchell	37	9	46
Jalen Carter	25	17	42
Josh Sweat	27	14	41
Nolan Smith	20	19	39

	INTERCEPTIONS				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
C.J. Gardner-Johnson	6	116	19.3	69	1
Reed Blankenship	4	29	7.3	28	0

(Zack Baun, Sydney Brown, and Nakobe Dean tied with 1 each)

	SACKS	
	NO	YDS
Josh Sweat	8.0	54.0
Nolan Smith	6.5	42.0
Milton Williams	5.0	36.0
Jalen Carter	4.5	31.0
Brandon Graham	3.5	27.0
Zack Baun	3.5	23.0
Nakobe Dean	3.0	26.0

	PASSES DEFENSED	FORCED FUMBLES/ RECOVERIES
Darius Slay	13	1/1
C.J. Gardner-Johnson	12	1/0
Quinyon Mitchell	12	0/0

DEPTH CHART		
EDGE	3	Nolan Smith
	0	Bryce Huff
DT	90	Jordan Davis
DT	98	Jalen Carter
	59	Thomas Booker
DT	93	Milton Williams
	97	Moro Ojomo
EDGE	19	Josh Sweat
	58	Jalyx Hunt
LB	42	Oren Burks
	54	Jeremiah Trotter Jr.
LB	53	Zack Baun
	42	Oren Burks
CB	2	Darius Slay
	34	Isaiah Rodgers
	23	Eli Ricks
CB	27	Quinyon Mitchell
	22	Kelee Ringo
NCB	33	Cooper DeJean
	29	Avonte Maddox
S	8	C.J. Gardner-Johnson
	21	Sydney Brown
	38	Lewis Cine
S	32	Reed Blankenship
	36	Tristin McCollum

SPECIAL TEAMS

	FIELD GOALS					
	TOTAL	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Jake Elliott	28/36	0/0	9/9	10/11	8/9	1/7

	KICK RETURNS				
	RET	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Kenneth Gainwell	18	456	25.3	36	0
Isaiah Rodgers	8	225	28.1	51	0
Will Shipley	6	173	28.8	33	0

	PUNT RETURNS				
	RET	FC	AVG	LONG	TD
Cooper DeJean	21	21	10.0	31	0

	PUNTING					
	NO	AVG	NET	TCHBK	IN/20	LONG
Braden Mann	54	48.8	42.1	7	20	70

DEPTH CHART		
P	10	Braden Mann
K	4	Jake Elliott
H	10	Braden Mann
LS	49	Rick Lovato
PR	33	Cooper DeJean
	34	Isaiah Rodgers
KR	14	Kenneth Gainwell
	28	Will Shipley
	34	Isaiah Rodgers

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Patrick Mahomes enters Super Bowl LIX with a 17-3 (.850) postseason record, which includes nine consecutive wins.

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CHIEFS HAVE THOUGHTS OF A THREE-PEAT

BY MICHAEL PRESTON

HISTORY BECKONS FOR THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS. No NFL team has won three straight Super Bowl crowns or even stood this close to the precipice of immortality. As dynasties go, they are the epitome of royalty.

Five Super Bowl appearances over a six-season span is unparalleled — even unfathomable — in a league that stakes a claim to competitive balance.

Chiefs head coach Andy Reid and quarterback Patrick Mahomes have brought the Lombardi Trophy back to Kansas City three times in the last five years. Reid's 28 career playoff wins are second-most

Defensive tackle Chris Jones (left), who was named to a sixth consecutive Pro Bowl, is the heart of a Kansas City defense that ranked fourth in the league in points allowed. Chiefs place kicker Harrison Butker (above), who made four field goals in Super Bowl LVIII, including a record 57-yarder, has been successful on more field goals (9) in the Super Bowl than any other kicker in NFL history.

REED HOFFMANN/AP IMAGES (Jones); DANNY KARNIK/AP IMAGES (Butker)

all time, three behind Bill Belichick's 31, and he's one of four coaches with 300-or-more NFL career wins. Mahomes boasts three Rozelle Awards as Super Bowl MVP, including the past two, putting him behind only the quarterback to whom he's often compared: five-time MVP Tom Brady.

The Chiefs led a chasing pack in the AFC all season, starting with a dramatic Opening Kickoff win over the Ravens. The only relevant defeat of the season came at Buffalo, which they avenged by defeating the Bills in the AFC Championship Game.

Yet the Chiefs' success continues to go against the popular narrative. In posting a franchise record 15 regular-season wins, they failed to score more than 30 points in a game even once, and Mahomes did not earn a Pro Bowl selection for the first time since he became a starter in 2018.

What they do so well is find ways to win. Eleven of those victories were by eight points or fewer. They impressively handled the physical demands of four games in the span

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (17-2)
2024 RESULTS

Sep. 5	**vs. RAVENS**	27-20	**W**
Sep. 15	**vs. BENGALS**	26-25	**W**
Sep. 22	**at FALCONS**	22-17	**W**
Sep. 29	**at CHARGERS**	17-10	**W**
Oct. 7	**vs. SAINTS**	26-13	**W**
Oct. 20	**at 49ERS**	28-18	**W**
Oct. 27	**at RAIDERS**	27-20	**W**
Nov. 4	**vs. BUCCANEERS**	30-24 (OT)	**W**
Nov. 10	**vs. BRONCOS**	16-14	**W**
Nov. 17	**at BILLS**	21-30	**L**
Nov. 24	**at PANTHERS**	30-27	**W**
Nov. 29	**vs. RAIDERS**	19-17	**W**
Dec. 8	**vs. CHARGERS**	19-17	**W**
Dec. 15	**at BROWNS**	21-7	**W**
Dec. 21	**vs. TEXANS**	27-19	**W**
Dec. 25	**at STEELERS**	29-10	**W**
Jan. 5	**at BRONCOS**	0-38	**L**

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Jan. 18	**vs. TEXANS**	23-14	**W**
Jan. 26	**vs. BILLS**	32-29	**W**

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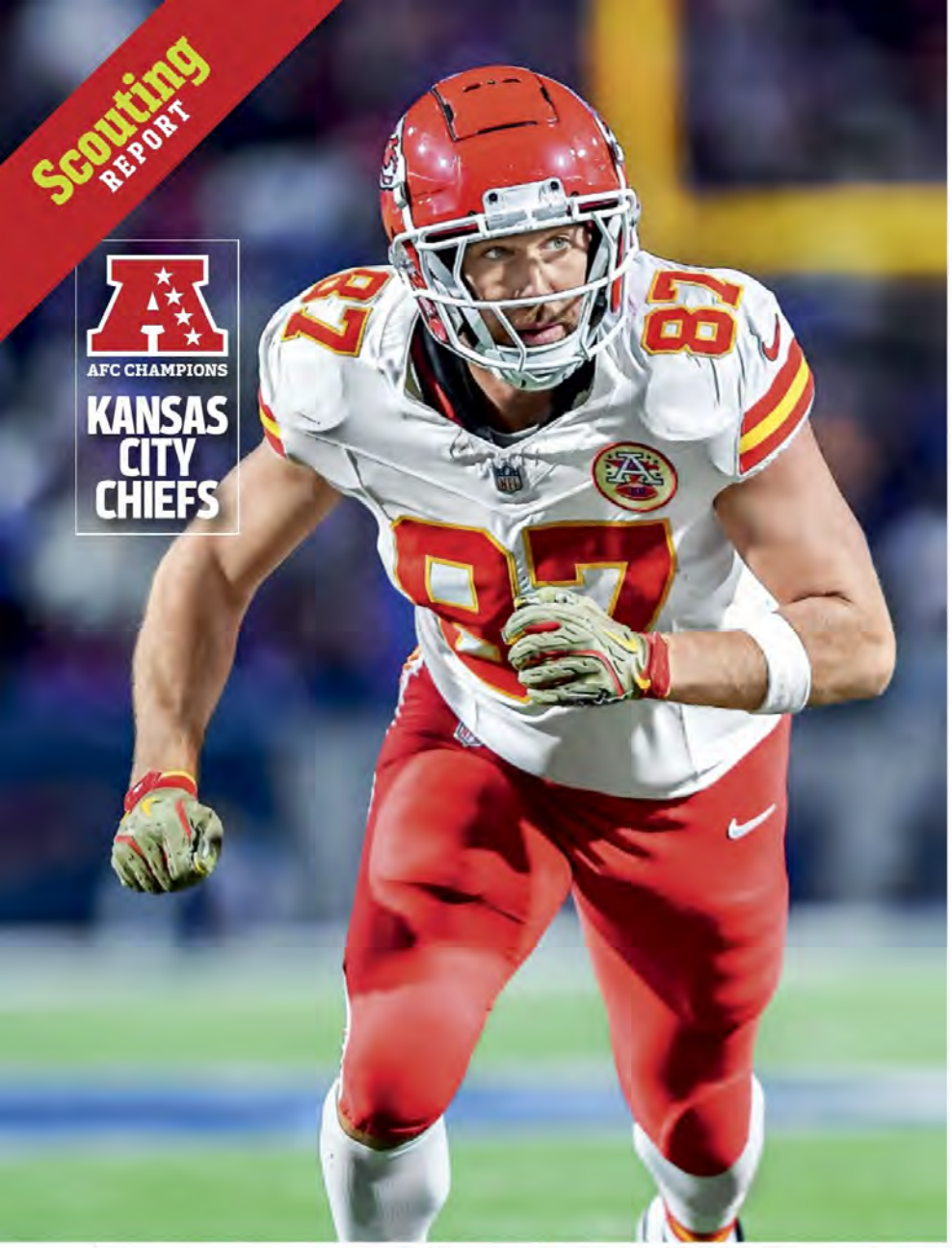

of 18 days late in the season to both capture the AFC West title (by defeating the Chargers in Week 14) and the conference's top seed (with a win over the Steelers in Week 17). That gifted their starters a welcomed 23-day break before tackling the postseason with as healthy and rested a squad as they've had since September.

That will only make the challenge of prying the Lombardi Trophy away from them even tougher.

OFFENSE

Moving the sticks by tying for the most plays per-scoring-drive in the NFL — "matriculation" is what legendary former Chiefs head coach Hank Stram called that process — means this Chiefs offense is just as effective as in prior seasons, if not as splashy.

Offensive coordinator Matt Nagy has developed a versatile unit, masterfully scheming around and plugging in players who have helped overcome the loss of key contributors.

Mahomes may have missed out on 4,000 passing yards for the first time as a starter (he finished with 3,928), but don't be fooled. He remains as dangerous and clever as ever — whether in the pocket, scrambling, or improvising on a busted play. And he continues his penchant for late-game heroics, evident again when he found Travis Kelce in the end zone while being tackled to snuff out the Texans in the Divisional Round.

As Mahomes took a career-high streak of 237 passes without an interception into the playoffs, the Chiefs' offense posted a league-best plus-11 turnover ratio after Week 12 while becoming more efficient in the red zone. When the pressure is on, Kansas City is the second-most effective team in the NFL on third down.

There was change in the Chiefs' receiving room with only Rashee Rice, Mecole Hardman, and Justin Watson back from last season. Former first-round pick DeAndre Hopkins arrived via an October trade in his quest for a first Super Bowl ring to highlight his five-time Pro Bowl, 12-year career.

The Chiefs' Travis Kelce (above) now ranks third among NFL tight ends in career receiving yards with 12,151, having passed Antonio Gates in November. Kansas City's first pick in the 2022 NFL Draft, cornerback Trent McDuffie (left) led the Chiefs in their Divisional Round victory against Houston, defensing three passes.

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Running back Isiah Pacheco, who was top 10 in the league in all-purpose yards as a rookie in 2022, came back from a broken leg this season to bolster the Kansas City offense in the playoffs.

While Rice and free-agent signee Hollywood Brown were sidelined, Xavier Worthy emerged and became one of only four rookies in NFL history to have at least six receiving and three rushing touchdowns in a season. The owner of the fastest-ever 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine, he can stretch defenses and line up in the backfield to create mismatches. He led all Chiefs wide receivers with 59 receptions.

"It's more than just how fast he is," Mahomes says. "As a quarterback, you can feel how he's running a route, how he's setting it up and getting himself open, and that gives you confidence to make the throws."

Brown's recent return provides Mahomes with another dangerous target.

The records keep tumbling into the hands of Kelce, who eclipsed the great Tony Gonzalez for the most-ever receiving touchdowns by a Chief. At 35 years old, he still poses a mammoth threat, illustrated by his team-best 97 receptions and 823 receiving yards and a 10th consecutive selection to the Pro Bowl.

Sharing some of the load, particularly as a red-zone target, is Noah Gray, whose personal-best five touchdown receptions make him a potential game-changer.

Leading running back Isiah Pacheco missed nine games with a broken fibula, but is back to being a daunting weapon for the Chiefs to unleash while splitting time with Kareem Hunt, who returned to Kansas City to rush for 728 yards and seven TDs on the season. Rookie hybrid fullback Carson Steele is an under-the-radar weapon who had only two fewer rushes than Mahomes.

Three members of the offensive line were selected to the Pro Bowl. Left guard Joe Thuney, who has also excelled at left tackle, and center Creed Humphrey are now three-time honorees. Veteran right guard Trey Smith, who did not allow a sack

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A RESOUNDING BELL

There are 25 former members of the Kansas City Chiefs enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame — altogether fitting for a franchise with such a successful and storied history. But the first of the Chiefs to be welcomed into the Hall was a man who spent a good deal of his life and career knocking down barriers (and more than a few quarterbacks): legendary linebacker Bobby Bell.

Born in Shelby, N.C., in 1940, Bell grew up in the segregated south. His high school fielded a six-man football team, lacking the resources of the local all-white schools. Denied entry into the University of North Carolina because of the color of his skin, Bell became a two-time All-American at the University of Minnesota, winning the national championship in 1960.

In 1963, drafted by both the NFL's Minnesota Vikings and the AFL's Chiefs, Bell chose the Chiefs — the only team he would play for in his stellar 12-year career. Chiefs coach Hank Stram, noting Bell's remarkable athleticism, moved him from defensive line to linebacker, and proving himself a true iron man, Bell never missed a regular-season game in all his years wearing the red and gold. He was selected as an AFL All-Star

Bobby Bell

for six consecutive years (1964-69) and an NFL Pro Bowler four times more (1970-73) following the merger.

Named to the NFL 100th Anniversary All-Time Team, Bell (unofficially) recorded 40 QB sacks in his career and returned six interceptions for touchdowns, tying him with another Hall of Famer, longtime Buccaneers star Derrick Brooks, for most in NFL history by a linebacker. He played a leading role in the Chiefs' dominant 23-7 win over the Vikings in Super Bowl IV, helping anchor a defense that allowed Minnesota a mere 67 yards rushing.

"Bobby was probably the most versatile player I have ever been associated with," said Stram in introducing Bell at his 1983 induction to Canton. "He is, without a doubt, the greatest outside linebacker that ever played the game."

— Mark Preston

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during the regular season, was recognized for the first time.

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DEFENSE

The only active defensive coordinator with four Super Bowl rings on his fingers, Steve Spagnuolo casts a large shadow. He constructed the NFL's fourth-ranked defense in points allowed (326) by mixing returning stars and new headline-makers nurtured through the Chiefs' system.

While a textbook Mahomes to Kelce touchdown inevitably grabbed attention in the Divisional Round win over Houston, it was the defense that finally shut down a Texans attack that had dominated the first 30 minutes. Four second-half sacks (with a triple haul from George Karlaftis) earned the defense its deserved plaudits.

Defensive tackle Chris Jones is almost unstoppable when he gets to the edge and was picked for his sixth straight Pro Bowl. He can dominate inside and outside, and despite missing time through injury, his pressure and run-stopping ability is among the best in the NFL. He totaled 37 tackles and five sacks on the season.

Even during his absence, the Chiefs showed they can still dominate the pass rush with Karlaftis, one of Spagnuolo's new breed of warriors. His speed and having Charles Omenihu as a complement on the opposite side have prompted Karlaftis to elevate his game to an elite level and post a team-best eight sacks during the regular season.

Defensive tackle Tershawn Wharton also employs pace to compensate for being undersized. His pass rush is tough to contain; he registered 6.5 sacks on the year. Mike Danna had a multi-sack game against the Steelers on Christmas Day.

Despite losing Willie Gay during the offseason, the Chiefs chose not to make any major additions at linebacker, where their core is strong with Drue Tranquill, leading tackler Nick Bolton (106 tackles), and the versatile Leo Chenal (53 tackles), who can be a game-changer on defense and special teams.

The Chiefs' defensive backfield is full of young playmakers. Corner Trent McDuffie, a stabilizing presence at the time of injuries, defensed 13 passes to lead the team and tie for sixth in the AFC. He is paired with both Joshua Williams and Nazeeh Johnson, who rotate on the opposite side.

A significant postseason boost saw corner Jaylen Watson activated from injured reserve, paving the way for more playmakers on the final line of defense.

Justin Reid leads a trio of safeties that includes Bryan Cook and Chamarri Conner — each had two interceptions and 70+ tackles during the regular season. And Spagnuolo's knack of developing talent has built confidence and led to Jaden Hicks producing

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
ALL-TIME PLAYOFF RESULTS
(26 WINS, 21 LOSSES; 4 SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS)

YEAR	ROUND	OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L
1962	AFL Championship	at Houston Oilers	20-17 (2OT)	W
(Played as Dallas Texans from 1960-62; moved to Kansas City in 1963)				
1966	AFL Championship	at Bills	31-7	W
	Super Bowl I	**Packers**	**10-35**	**L**
1968	AFL Divisional	at Oakland Raiders	6-41	L
1969	AFL Divisional	at Jets	13-6	W
	AFL Championship	at Oakland Raiders	17-7	W
	Super Bowl IV	**Vikings**	**23-7**	**W**
1971	AFC Divisional	vs. Dolphins	24-27 (2OT)	L
1986	AFC Wild Card	at Jets	15-35	L
1990	AFC Wild Card	at Dolphins	16-17	L
1991	AFC Wild Card	vs. Los Angeles Raiders	10-6	W
	AFC Divisional	at Bills	14-37	L
1992	AFC Wild Card	at San Diego Chargers	0-17	L
1993	AFC Wild Card	vs. Steelers	27-24 (OT)	W
	AFC Divisional	at Houston Oilers	28-20	W
	AFC Championship	at Bills	13-30	L
1994	AFC Wild Card	at Dolphins	17-27	L
1995	AFC Divisional	vs. Colts	7-10	L
1997	AFC Divisional	vs. Broncos	10-14	L
2003	AFC Divisional	vs. Colts	31-38	L
2006	AFC Wild Card	at Colts	8-23	L
2010	AFC Wild Card	vs. Ravens	7-30	L
2013	AFC Wild Card	at Colts	44-45	L
2015	AFC Wild Card	at Texans	30-0	W
	AFC Divisional	at Patriots	20-27	L
2016	AFC Divisional	vs. Steelers	16-18	L
2017	AFC Wild Card	vs. Titans	21-22	L
2018	AFC Divisional	vs. Colts	31-13	W
	AFC Championship	vs. Patriots	31-37 (OT)	L
2019	AFC Divisional	vs. Texans	51-31	W
	AFC Championship	vs. Titans	35-24	W
	Super Bowl LIV	**49ers**	**31-20**	**W**
2020	AFC Divisional	vs. Browns	22-17	W
	AFC Championship	vs. Bills	38-24	W
	Super Bowl LV	**Buccaneers**	**9-31**	**L**
2021	AFC Wild Card	vs. Steelers	42-21	W
	AFC Divisional	vs. Bills	42-36 (OT)	W
	AFC Championship	vs. Bengals	24-27 (OT)	L
2022	AFC Divisional	vs. Jaguars	27-20	W
	AFC Championship	vs. Bengals	23-20	W
	Super Bowl LVII	**Eagles**	**38-35**	**W**
2023	AFC Wild Card	vs. Dolphins	26-7	W
	AFC Divisional	at Bills	27-24	W
	AFC Championship	at Ravens	17-10	W
	Super Bowl LVIII	**49ers**	**25-22 (OT)**	**W**
2024	AFC Divisional	vs. Texans	23-14	W
	AFC Championship	vs. Bills	32-29	W

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a team-best three interceptions, while Chris Roland-Wallace was one of the Chiefs' most-featured rookies.

"We have faith in all those guys to come in and perform," Andy Reid says. "We have the record we have because guys have been able to come in and make plays when we need them to."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Harrison Butker's field goal in the final seconds of Super Bowl LVIII forced overtime against the 49ers, a game that also saw him make a Super Bowl-record 57-yarder. He has made more Super Bowl field goals (9) than any other kicker in league history. This season, Butker connected on 21-of-25 field-goal attempts, with three of those misses from 50+ yards, meaning the Chiefs will confidently roll him out to either save or win their season.

Punter Matt Araiza, in his first year with the team, averaged 48.8 yards on 62 punts (41.8 yards net) and holds for Butker. Long snapper James Winchester, in his tenth season, ranks behind only Kelce among the Chiefs' most-tenured players.

Kick returner Nikko Remigio showcased his explosive ability when he took the opening kickoff back 63 yards in the Divisional Playoffs vs. the Texans.

As important as any on special teams is Chenal, who blocked a potential game-winning field goal by Denver in the regular season and blocked another in the playoffs to dash Houston's hopes of a comeback.

GAME PLAN

The cliché that a team just needs to play to its strengths might well be the Chiefs' key to a third consecutive Super Bowl championship. The funny thing is that the Chiefs' strengths are whatever they need to be in a given game or a given moment. Need a defensive stop? Need a last-minute scoring drive? Need a game-saving special teams play? Check. Check. Check. The Chiefs have shown time and again they can do it all.

Mahomes has a formidable arsenal at his disposal, and given his aversion to throwing interceptions and how prolific Kansas City is on third down, the Chiefs can afford to be methodical and not force plays. The red

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

CHIEFS 32 FINAL BILLS 29

AN INSTANT CLASSIC went to the Chiefs, who captured the AFC championship on Harrison Butker's late field goal and now have the opportunity to make history. No team has ever won three consecutive Super Bowls. Their final roadblock is the Philadelphia Eagles, whom they defeated for the Lombardi Trophy two years ago.

To get to this point, Kansas City had to survive a back-and-forth battle that had four lead changes and was knotted, 29-29, after a Bills touchdown midway through the fourth quarter. But as he's done so often, Kansas City QB Patrick Mahomes came through in the clutch, taking his team 51 yards in seven plays to set up Butker, who with his 35-yarder improved to 11-of-11 on playoff field goals in the fourth quarter or overtime.

Mahomes threw for 245 yards in the win, including an 11-yard TD to Xavier Worthy, who led the Chiefs with six catches. Mahomes also ran for two scores, the second of those from 10 yards to briefly put his team ahead in the fourth quarter.

Kareem Hunt rushed for 64 yards and a TD for the victors, while Chamarri Conner had a team-leading nine tackles and forced a fumble.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

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	1	2	3	4	F
#2 Bills	3	13	6	7	29
#1 **Chiefs**	7	14	0	11	**32**

1st Quarter

KC Kareem Hunt 12-yard run (Harrison Butker kick), 8:56
BUF Tyler Bass 53-yard FG, 3:45

2nd Quarter

BUF James Cook 6-yard run (Bass kick), 10:25
KC Xavier Worthy 11-yard pass from Patrick Mahomes (Butker kick), 4:13
KC Mahomes 1-yard run (Butker kick), 1:55
BUF Mack Hollins 34-yard pass from Josh Allen (run failed), 0:23

3rd Quarter

BUF Cook 1-yard run (pass failed), 2:56

4th Quarter

KC Mahomes 10-yard run (Justin Watson pass from Mahomes), 10:14
BUF Curtis Samuel 4-yard pass from Allen (Bass kick), 6:15
KC Butker 35-yard FG, 3:33

Even before taking the field in New Orleans, the Chiefs have set a record. They're the first team to reach the Super Bowl five times in a six-year span.

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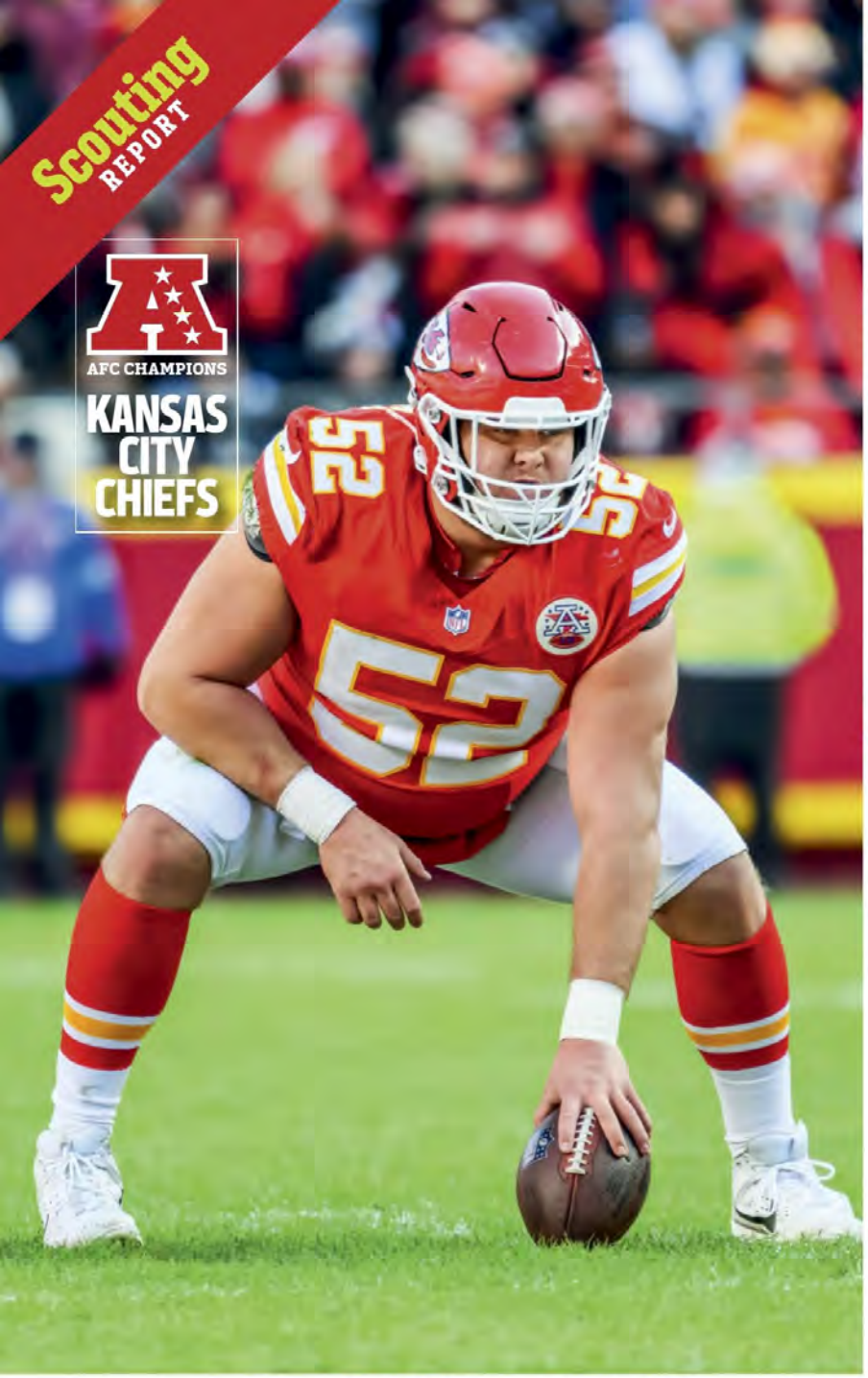

Center Creed Humphrey (above) anchors the Chiefs' offensive line at an elite level, having been named to his third Pro Bowl in just four years in the NFL. Linebacker Nick Bolton (top right) performs similarly for the Kansas City defense, having led the team in tackles three times in the last four seasons, including in 2024 when he had 106. Noah Gray (right), who had a pair of two-touchdown-reception games this season (vs. the Bills and Panthers), provides depth at tight end.

zone is almost a comfort zone, so ruthless are they in that area.

If Mahomes is hurried, there's a tight end with the most career playoff games with at least 100 receiving yards on hand as his safety valve. Kelce eclipsed the legendary Jerry Rice to own that record and has a knack of getting open just when defenses believe they have him contained.

The deep-threat potential of Worthy must always be accounted for, while on the ground Pacheco and Hunt are a dynamic one-two punch that get tough yardage and have the ability to break long runs.

Putting defensive responsibilities in the hands of Spagnuolo's latest generation of pass rushers — the sack-happy trio of Karlaftis, Wharton, and Jones — will unsettle even the Eagles' potent and confident offense.

And, of course, making the calls is Reid, the dean of all active NFL head coaches who continues to prove his mettle in the biggest games.

No moment is too big for the Chiefs. And with 60 more minutes of that kind of football, they'll deliver a moment never before seen in the NFL.

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This is only a summary of important information about ***neffy*** and does not replace talking to your healthcare provider. To learn more about ***neffy***, talk with your healthcare provider. Please see Instructions for Use, Important Safety Information, and Full Prescribing Information at ***neffy***.com before use.

What is *neffy*?

neffy 2 mg is a nasal spray used to treat life-threatening, allergic emergencies including anaphylaxis, in adults and children who weigh 66 lbs or more (30 kg or more), who are at risk for or have a history of serious allergic emergencies.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

What is the most important information that I should know about *neffy*?

neffy contains epinephrine, a medicine used to treat allergic emergencies (anaphylaxis). Anaphylaxis can be life-threatening, can happen in minutes, and can be caused by stinging and biting insects, allergy injections, foods, medicines, exercise, or other unknown causes.

Always carry two ***neffy*** nasal sprays with you because you may not know when anaphylaxis may happen and because you may need a second dose of ***neffy*** if symptoms continue or come back. ***neffy*** is for use in the nose only.

Use ***neffy*** right away, as soon as you notice symptoms of an allergic reaction. If symptoms continue or get worse after the first dose of ***neffy***, a second dose is needed. If needed, administer a second dose using a new ***neffy*** in the same nostril *starting 5 minutes after the first dose*. Get emergency medical help for further treatment of the allergic emergency (anaphylaxis), if needed after using ***neffy***.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have underlying structural or anatomical nasal conditions, all the medicines you take, and about all your medical conditions, especially if you have heart problems, kidney problems, low potassium in your blood, Parkinson's disease, thyroid problems, high blood pressure, diabetes, are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, or plan to breastfeed.

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What are the side effects of *neffy*?

***neffy* may cause serious side effects. If you have certain medical conditions or take certain medicines, your condition may get worse, or you may have more or longer lasting side effects when you use *neffy*.**

Side effects of ***neffy*** may include throat irritation, tingling nose, headache, nasal discomfort, feeling over excitement, nervousness or anxiety, tingling sensation, fatigue, shakiness, runny nose, itchy nose, sneezing, stomach pain, pain in gums of teeth, numbness in the mouth, nasal congestion, dizziness, nausea, and vomiting.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or that do not go away after using *neffy*.

These are not all of the possible side effects of ***neffy***. Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. To report side effects, contact ARS Pharmaceuticals Operations, Inc. at **1-877-MY-NEFFY (877-696-3339)** or the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

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Scouting REPORT

Clark Hunt

AFC CHAMPIONS
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

CHAIRMAN AND CEO

CLARK HUNT has been the driving force behind the resurgence of the Kansas City Chiefs, transforming the iconic franchise into one of the most successful teams in the history of the National Football League.

Since Hunt became CEO of the Chiefs in 2010, the club has earned 10 AFC West Division championships, including nine consecutive division titles (2016-present). Hunt has hoisted the award that bears his father's name — the Lamar Hunt Trophy — five times in the past six seasons as the club has claimed AFC championships and earned Super Bowl appearances following the 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2024 seasons. The club also has taken home the Lombardi Trophy as Super Bowl champions in three of the past five seasons, winning Super Bowls LIV, LVII, and LVIII.

In January 2013, Hunt modified the leadership structure of the organization, announcing that for the first time in club history, the head coach, general manager, and team president would all report directly to the Chairman and CEO. Hunt hired head coach Andy Reid in 2013, and Reid has since become the winningest head coach in franchise history while the Chiefs have won the most regular-season games in the NFL (143) during that span. In April 2024, Hunt extended the contracts of Reid, general manager Brett Veach, and team president Mark Donovan, ensuring the leadership of the club's football and business operations will remain in place for years to come.

Hunt is a leading voice among NFL owners. In 2019, he was named chairman of the influential NFL Finance Committee. He also serves on the Personal Conduct Committee and the Management Council Executive Committee (CEC), where he helped to secure the NFL's last two collective bargaining agreements in 2011 and 2020.

In addition to his leadership of the Chiefs and his standing as one of the most respected voices in the NFL, Hunt has been instrumental in bringing football to the world — and bringing the world of international football to the United States. From 2011-18, he served as chairman of the NFL International Committee and significantly expanded the league's international efforts and investment overseas. Before Hunt's chairmanship, the league had played four regular-season games internationally. Since Hunt was named committee chairman in 2011, the league has held 49 international regular-season games. He continues to serve as a member of the committee.

Hunt has also helped lead the effort to bring FIFA World Cup 2026 to the United States. He served as co-chair of the Kansas City bid to host the World Cup at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium, which will host six tournament matches, including a quarterfinal.

The son of legendary American sports pioneer and Chiefs founder Lamar Hunt, Clark Hunt has built upon his father's legacy by ensuring the Chiefs organization remains focused on its core mission: Win with character, Unite our Community, Inspire our Fans and Honor Tradition.

Hunt graduated first in his class at Southern Methodist University in 1987, earning a degree in business administration, with a concentration in finance, while also serving as captain of the Mustangs' nationally ranked soccer team. He is also chairman and CEO of FC Dallas in Major League Soccer.

He and his wife, Tavia, are actively involved in numerous philanthropic initiatives in both Kansas City and Dallas. One of the Hunt family's lasting legacies is the Chiefs Charity Game, which has raised more than $15.1 million for local youth-focused charities since its inception in 1985.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS TEAM OFFICIALS

Clark Hunt
Chairman and CEO

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President

Brett Veach
General Manager

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Assistant General Manager

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Senior Vice President of Football Operations and Strategy

Mike Bradway
Senior Director of Player Personnel

Ryne Nutt
Director of Player Personnel/College Scouting

Tim Terry
Director of Player Personnel/Pro Scouting

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Senior Personnel Executive

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Co-Director of College Scouting

David Hinson
Co-Director of College Scouting

Terry Delp
Senior College Scouting Executive

Ryan Herman
Senior Football Strategy and Compliance Advisor

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Vice President of Sports Medicine and Performance

Dan Crumb
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Lara Krug
Executive Vice President and Chief Media and Marketing Officer

Matt Kenny
Executive Vice President of Arrowhead Operations and Events

Tyler Kirby
Executive Vice President of Business Development

Kirsten Krug
Executive Vice President of Administration

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Vice President of Content and Production

Kellen Begnoche
Vice President of Partnership Strategy

Nick Capo
Vice President of Event Operations

Brian Dunn
Vice President of Accounting and Controller

Brad Gee
Vice President of Football Communications

Brandon Hamilton
Vice President of Stadium Operations and Facilities

Kevin Higgins
Vice President of Information Technology/CISO

Kimberly Hobbs
Vice President of Partnership Strategy and Development

Neale Hood
Vice President of Partnership Development

Jayne Martin
Vice President of Fan Experience

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Vice President of Premium Sales

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Vice President of Finance, Strategy and Analytics

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Brock Baumert
Director of Team Operations

Ramzee Robinson
Director of Player Engagement

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Scouting REPORT

Andy Reid

HEAD COACH

Andy Reid is in his 26th season as an NFL head coach and his 12th with the Chiefs. Under Reid, Kansas City has made the playoffs 11 times and won a franchise-record nine consecutive AFC West titles (2016–24). With 143 regular-season wins, he is the winningest coach in franchise history, making him the only head coach in NFL history to be the winningest coach of two different franchises (Philadelphia Eagles).

Reid led the Chiefs to back-to-back Super Bowl titles following the 2022 and 2023 seasons, first defeating his former team, the Eagles, 38–35, and following with a 25–22 overtime victory vs. the 49ers, securing the franchise's third Lombardi Trophy in five years. In 2019, Kansas City went 12–4 and won its first Super Bowl championship in 50 years by defeating the 49ers, 31–20, in Super Bowl LIV. The team also reached Super Bowl LV, falling to the Buccaneers.

Before arriving in Kansas City, Reid led the Eagles to a 130–93–1 (.583) regular-season record and five trips to the NFC Championship Game, as well as an appearance in Super Bowl XXXIX. Reid's 28 postseason wins are the second-most in NFL history.

A tackle/guard at Brigham Young University from 1979–81, Reid served as a graduate assistant at BYU in 1982 and coached at several colleges before moving on to the NFL.

ASSISTANT COACHES

Dave Toub
Assistant Head Coach/ Special Teams Coordinator

Matt Nagy
Offensive Coordinator

Steve Spagnuolo
Defensive Coordinator

Joe Bleymaier
Pass Game Coordinator

Louie Addazio
Defensive Quality Control

Terry Bradden
Assistant Defensive Line

Greg Carbin
Assistant Strength and Conditioning

Nick Cassetta
Assistant Strength and Conditioning

Joe Cullen
Defensive Line

Donald D'Alesio
Safeties

Brendan Daly
Linebackers

Porter Ellett
Assistant Running Backs

Connor Embree
Wide Receivers

Mike Frazier
Statistical Analysis Coordinator

David Girardi
Quarterbacks

Andy Heck
Offensive Line

Andy Hill
Assistant Special Teams

Corey Matthaei
Assistant Offensive Line

Tom Melvin
Tight Ends

Dave Merritt
Defensive Backs

Todd Pinkston
Running Backs

Spencer Reid
Assistant Strength and Conditioning

Ryan Reynolds
Head Strength and Conditioning/Director of Sports Science

Kevin Saxton
Offensive Assistant

Alex Whittingham
Defensive Quality Control

Dan Williams
Offensive Quality Control/ Assistant Quarterbacks

Rod Wilson
Outside Linebackers

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	BIRTH DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE	HOW ACQUIRED
1	Xavier Worthy	WR	5-11	165	4/27/03	R	Texas	D1 '24
2	Joshua Williams	CB	6-3	193	10/17/99	3	Fayetteville State	D4 '22
5	Hollywood Brown	WR	5-9	180	6/4/97	6	Oklahoma	FA '24
6	Bryan Cook	S	6-1	206	9/7/99	3	Cincinnati	D2b '22
7	Harrison Butker	K	6-4	205	7/14/95	8	Georgia Tech	FA '17
8	DeAndre Hopkins	WR	6-1	212	6/6/92	12	Clemson	T (TEN) '24
9	JuJu Smith-Schuster	WR	6-1	215	11/2296	7	USC	FA '24
10	Isiah Pacheco	RB	5-10	216	3/2/99	3	Rutgers	D7b '22
11	Carson Wentz	QB	6-5	237	12/30/92	9	North Dakota State	FA '24
13	Nazeeh Johnson	CB	5-10	199	7/17/98	3	Marshall	D7c '22
14	Matt Araiza	P	6-1	200	5/16/00	1	San Diego State	FA '24
15	Patrick Mahomes	QB	6-2	225	9/17/95	8	Texas Tech	D1 '17
20	Justin Reid	S	6-1	207	2/15/97	7	Stanford	FA '22
21	Jaden Hicks	DB	6-1	215	8/16/02	R	Washington State	D4b '24
22	Trent McDuffie	CB	5-11	193	9/13/00	3	Washington	D1a '22
23	Drue Tranquill	LB	6-2	234	8/15/95	6	Notre Dame	FA '23
27	Chamarri Conner	DB	6-0	202	7/11/00	2	Virginia Tech	D4 '23
29	Kareem Hunt	RB	5-11	216	8/6/95	8	Toledo	FA '24
30	Chris Roland-Wallace	CB	5-11	202	11/23/01	R	USC	CFA '24
32	Nick Bolton	LB	5-11	237	3/10/00	4	Missouri	D2a '21
34	Samaje Perine	RB	5-11	235	9/16/95	7	Oklahoma	FA '24
35	Jaylen Watson	CB	6-2	197	9/17/98	3	Washington State	D7a '22
39	Keith Taylor	CB	6-3	195	5/3/99	3	Washington	FA '23
41	James Winchester	LS	6-3	209	8/6/89	10	Oklahoma	FA '15
42	Carson Steele	FB	6-0	228	10/1/02	R	UCLA	CFA '24
44	Cam Jones	LB	6-2	227	10/21/99	2	Indiana	CFA '23
51	Mike Danna	DE	6-2	257	12/4/97	5	Michigan	D5 '20
52	Creed Humphrey	C	6-4	302	6/28/99	4	Oklahoma	D2b '21
54	Leo Chenal	LB	6-3	250	10/26/00	3	Wisconsin	D3 '22
55	Joshua Uche	DE	6-3	240	9/13/98	5	Michigan	T (NE) '24
56	George Karlaftis	DE	6-4	263	4/3/01	3	Purdue	D1b '22
60	Hunter Nourzad	OL	6-3	317	11/26/00	R	Penn State	D5 '24
61	C.J. Hanson	OL	6-5	300	3/3/01	R	Holy Cross	D7 '24
62	Joe Thuney	G	6-5	304	11/18/92	9	North Carolina State	FA '21
64	Wanya Morris	OL	6-6	307	10/10/00	2	Oklahoma	D3 '23
65	Trey Smith	G	6-6	321	6/16/99	4	Tennessee	D6 '21
66	Mike Caliendo	OL	6-4	301	10/21/97	2	Western Michigan	CFA '22
69	Mike Pennel	NT	6-4	330	5/9/91	10	Colorado State-Pueblo	FA '23
70	D.J. Humphries	OL	6-5	307	12/28/93	9	Florida	FA '24
74	Jawaan Taylor	T	6-5	330	11/25/97	6	Florida	FA '23
75	Ethan Driskell	T	6-8	313	6/29/00	R	Marshall	CFA '24
76	Kingsley Suamataia	T	6-4	326	1/18/03	R	BYU	D2 '24
81	Nikko Remigio	WR	5-9	187	11/4/99	1	Fresno State	CFA '23
83	Noah Gray	TE	6-3	240	4/30/99	4	Duke	D5a '21
84	Justin Watson	WR	6-2	215	4/4/96	7	Pennsylvania	FA '22
87	Travis Kelce	TE	6-5	250	10/5/89	12	Cincinnati	D3a '13
88	Peyton Hendershot	TE	6-4	250	4/23/99	3	Indiana	T (DAL) '24
90	Charles Omenihu	DE	6-5	280	8/20/97	6	Texas	FA '23
91	Derrick Nnadi	DT	6-1	317	5/9/96	7	Florida State	D3a '18
94	Malik Herring	DE	6-3	275	11/9/97	4	Georgia	CFA '21
95	Chris Jones	DT	6-6	310	7/3/94	9	Mississippi State	D2 '16
97	Felix Anudike-Uzomah	DE	6-4	255	1/24/02	2	Kansas State	D1 '23
98	Tershawn Wharton	DT	6-1	280	6/25/98	5	Missouri S&T	CFA '20

TYLER McFARLAND

Felix Anudike-Uzomah (97)
DEFENSIVE END

Matt Araiza (14)
PUNTER

Nick Bolton (32)
LINEBACKER

Hollywood Brown (5)
WIDE RECEIVER

Harrison Butker (7)
KICKER

AFC CHAMPIONS
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

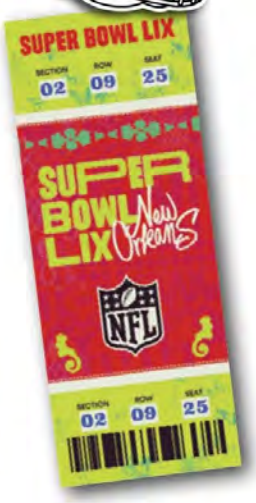
Mike Caliendo (66)
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Leo Chenal (54)
LINEBACKER

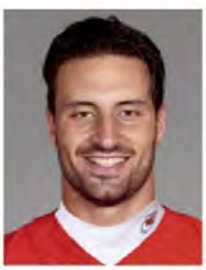
Chamarri Conner (27)
DEFENSIVE BACK

Bryan Cook (6)
SAFETY

Mike Danna (51)
DEFENSIVE END



Ethan Driskell (75)
TACKLE



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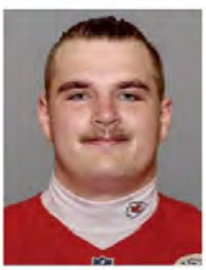
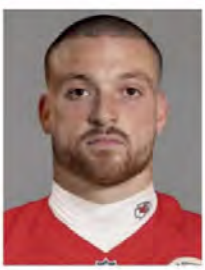
TIGHT END



C.J. Hanson (61)
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN



Peyton Hendershot (88)
TIGHT END

Malik Herring (94)
DEFENSIVE END

Jaden Hicks (21)
DEFENSIVE BACK

DeAndre Hopkins (8)
WIDE RECEIVER

Creed Humphrey (52)
CENTER

D.J. Humphries (70)
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Kareem Hunt (29)
RUNNING BACK

Nazeeh Johnson (13)
CORNERBACK

Cam Jones (44)
LINEBACKER

Chris Jones (95)
DEFENSIVE TACKLE

George Karlaftis (56)
DEFENSIVE END

Travis Kelce (87)
TIGHT END

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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Patrick Mahomes (15)
QUARTERBACK

Trent McDuffie (22)
CORNERBACK

Wanya Morris (64)
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Derrick Nnadi (91)
DEFENSIVE TACKLE

Hunter Nourzad (60)
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Charles Omenihu (90)
DEFENSIVE END

Isiah Pacheco (10)
RUNNING BACK

Mike Pennel (69)
NOSE TACKLE

Samaje Perine (34)
RUNNING BACK

Justin Reid (20)
SAFETY

Nikko Remigio (81)
WIDE RECEIVER

Chris Roland-Wallace (30)
CORNERBACK

Trey Smith (65)
GUARD

JuJu Smith-Schuster (9)
WIDE RECEIVER

Carson Steele (42)
FULLBACK

Kingsley Suamataia (76)
TACKLE

Jawaan Taylor (74)
TACKLE

Keith Taylor (39)
CORNERBACK

Joe Thuney (62)
GUARD

Drue Tranquill (23)
LINEBACKER

Joshua Uche (55)
DEFENSIVE END

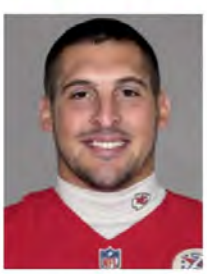
Jaylen Watson (35)
CORNERBACK

Justin Watson (84)
WIDE RECEIVER

Carson Wentz (11)
QUARTERBACK

Tershawn Wharton (98)
DEFENSIVE TACKLE

Joshua Williams (2)
CORNERBACK



James Winchester (41)
LONG SNAPPER

Xavier Worthy (1)
WIDE RECEIVER

Scouting REPORT

AFC CHAMPIONS

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

STATISTICAL LEADERS/ DEPTH CHARTS

OFFENSE

	PASSING					
	COMP-ATT	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	RTNG
Patrick Mahomes	392-581	67.5	3928	26	11	93.5

	RUSHING				
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Kareem Hunt	200	728	3.6	20	7
Isiah Pacheco	83	310	3.7	34	1
Patrick Mahomes	58	307	5.3	33	2
Carson Steele	56	183	3.3	9	0
Xavier Worthy	20	104	5.2	21	3

	RECEIVING				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Travis Kelce	97	823	8.5	38	3
Xavier Worthy	59	638	10.8	54	6
DeAndre Hopkins	41	437	10.7	35	4
Noah Gray	40	437	10.9	35	5
Samaje Perine	28	322	11.5	36	1
Rashee Rice	24	288	12.0	44	2
Kareem Hunt	23	176	7.7	26	0
Justin Watson	22	289	13.1	49	2
JuJu Smith-Schuster	18	231	12.8	50	2

DEPTH CHART		
WR	1	Xavier Worthy
	5	Hollywood Brown
	84	Justin Watson
LT	62	Joe Thuney
	70	D.J. Humphries
	64	Wanya Morris
LG	66	Mike Caliendo
	76	Kingsley Suamataia
	61	C.J. Hanson
C	52	Creed Humphrey
	60	Hunter Nourzad
	66	Mike Caliendo
RG	65	Trey Smith
	61	C.J. Hanson
	60	Hunter Nourzad
RT	74	Jawaan Taylor
	75	Ethan Driskell
	64	Wanya Morris
TE	87	Travis Kelce
	83	Noah Gray
	88	Peyton Hendershot
QB	15	Patrick Mahomes
	11	Carson Wentz
RB	10	Isiah Pacheco
	29	Kareem Hunt
	34	Samaje Perine
FB	42	Carson Steele
WR	8	DeAndre Hopkins
	9	JuJu Smith-Schuster
	81	Nikko Remigio

DEFENSE

	TACKLES		
	SOLO	ASSISTS	TOTAL
Nick Bolton	73	33	106
Drue Tranquill	54	40	94
Justin Reid	59	26	85
Bryan Cook	54	23	77
Chamarri Conner	53	17	70
Trent McDuffie	45	14	59
Leo Chenal	35	18	53
Nazeeh Johnson	31	22	53
Mike Danna	20	21	41
Chris Jones	19	18	37

	INTERCEPTIONS				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Jaden Hicks	3	50	16.7	47	0

(Chamarri Conner, Bryan Cook, Trent McDuffie, and Justin Reid tied with 2 each)

	SACKS	
	NO	YDS
George Karlaftis	8.0	46.0
Tershawn Wharton	6.5	48.0
Chris Jones	5.0	23.0
Mike Danna	3.5	31.0
Nick Bolton	3.0	28.0
Mike Pennel	3.0	6.0
Felix Anudike-Uzomah	2.5	9.0
Drue Tranquill	2.0	11.0

	PASSES DEFENSED	FORCED FUMBLES/ RECOVERIES
Trent McDuffie	13	1/0
Justin Reid	9	0/0
Nick Bolton	6	1/2
Jaylen Watson	6	0/0
Joshua Williams	6	0/0

(Bryan Cook, Jaden Hicks, and George Karlaftis tied with 5 passes defensed each)

DEPTH CHART		
DE	56	George Karlaftis
	94	Malik Herring
	90	Charles Omenihu
DT	95	Chris Jones
	91	Derrick Nnadi
DT	98	Tershawn Wharton
	69	Mike Pennel
DE	51	Mike Danna
	97	Felix Anudike-Uzomah
	55	Joshua Uche
LB	32	Nick Bolton
	44	Cam Jones
LB	23	Drue Tranquill
	44	Cam Jones
LB	54	Leo Chenal
	44	Cam Jones
CB	22	Trent McDuffie
	13	Nazeeh Johnson
CB	35	Jaylen Watson
	2	Joshua Williams
	39	Keith Taylor
S	20	Justin Reid
	21	Jaden Hicks
	30	Chris Roland-Wallace
S	6	Bryan Cook
	27	Chamarri Conner

SPECIAL TEAMS

	FIELD GOALS					
	TOTAL	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Harrison Butker	21/25	1/1	7/8	7/7	4/4	2/5

	KICK RETURNS				
	RET	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Nikko Remigio	11	295	26.8	36	0

	PUNT RETURNS				
	RET	FC	AVG	LONG	TD
Nikko Remigio	11	4	9.5	25	0

	PUNTING					
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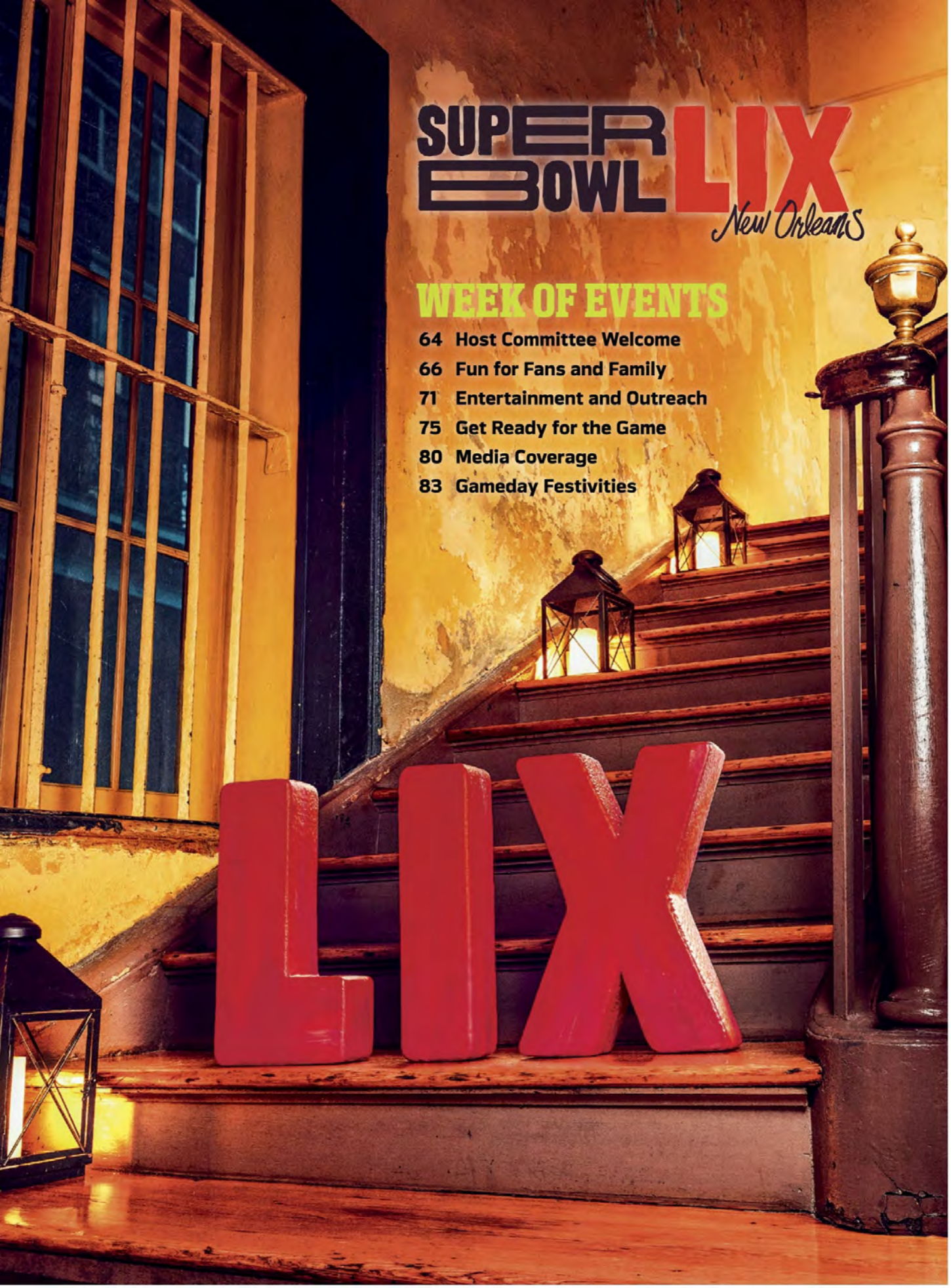

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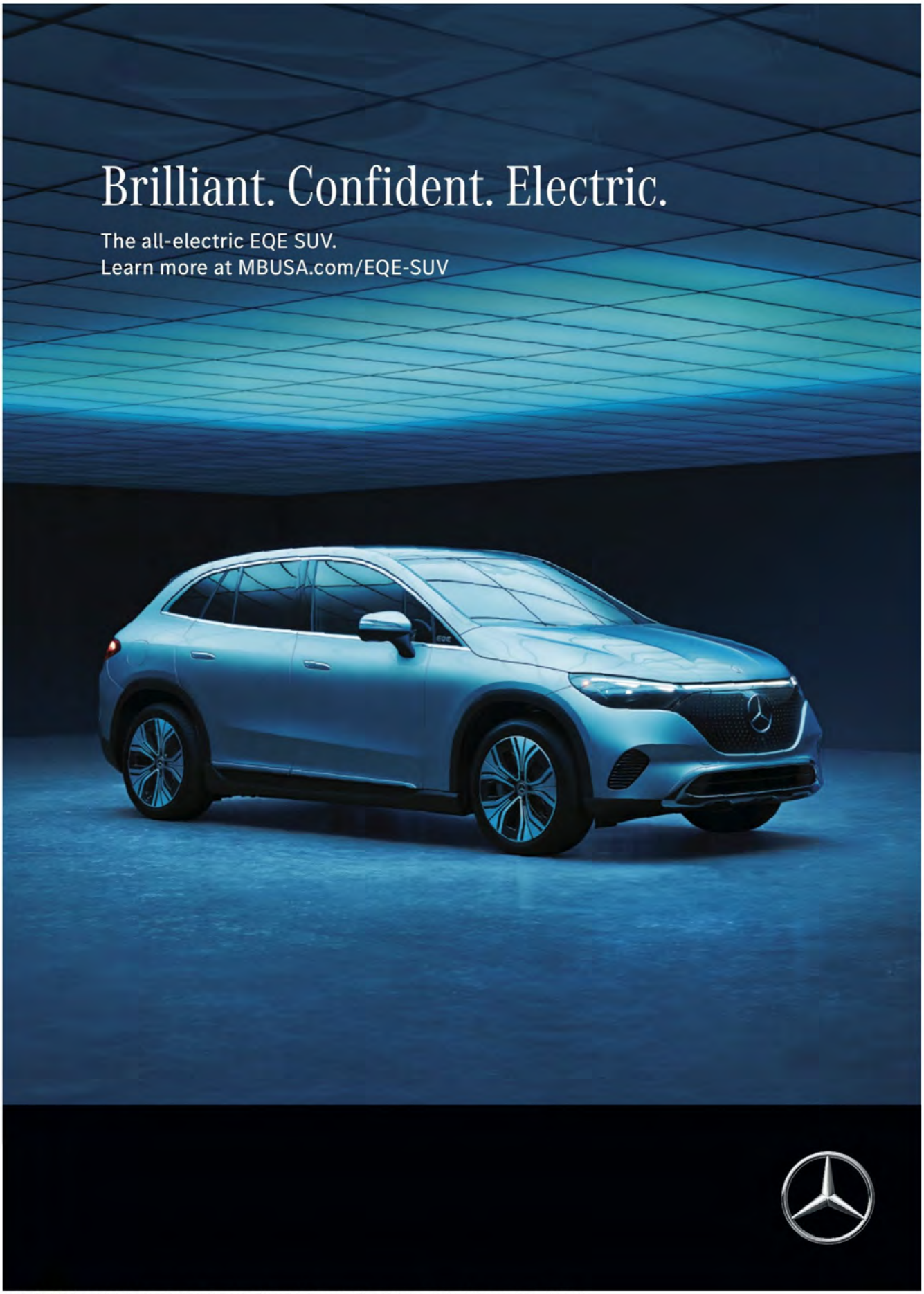

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On behalf of the New Orleans Super Bowl LIX Host Committee, we are excited to welcome you to the Crescent City for our record-tying 11th Super Bowl. New Orleans has been a premier host for the NFL's championship game over the past 55 years, and we are honored to host this year's game in the newly renovated Caesars Superdome — a record eighth time for NFL stadiums.

There is a reason the NFL has chosen New Orleans so many times — our city is like no other, with a unique and inviting culture all its own. From our soulful jazz music to our world-renowned cuisine, our historic architecture, and, of course, our warm and welcoming people, we are eager to share our vibrant city with fans from around the world. New Orleans was truly built to host the Super Bowl.

The Super Bowl has always been more than just a game in New Orleans. Following the horrific event on January 1 in New Orleans, Super Bowl LIX has an even greater purpose for the NFL, our community, and the entire state of Louisiana. Our long, historic, and valued relationship with the NFL will be on display to the world as we remember the victims and their families as well as honor the New Orleans Police Department and our first responders.

The impact of the Super Bowl LIX community grant program will also be felt well beyond the final whistle. Through Impact 59 powered by Entergy, the NFL, the Host Committee, the New Orleans Saints, Entergy, Ochsner Health, Venture Global, and the NOLA Coalition awarded more than $3.5 million in grants to local nonprofits and other organizations. The programming is focused on the key areas of youth development, workforce training, education, health and wellness, and equity and inclusion. Our Super Bowl Host Committee Ambassador Program, presented by Chevron, brings together the human energy of thousands of volunteer ambassadors who are essential to the success of hosting this year's game. Additionally, more than 200 local underrepresented businesses have been selected to participate in the Super Bowl LIX Source program. The program allows these businesses to compete for vendor contracts related to the Super Bowl and subsequent events.

Hosting Super Bowl LIX would not have been possible without the teamwork and participation of our entire community. Thank you to our partners at the State of Louisiana, the City of New Orleans, Mrs. Gayle Benson and the New Orleans Saints organization, Entergy, Ochsner, Chevron, and many other corporate sponsors, as well as our facility and hospitality community partners, including the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, ASM New Orleans and the Caesars Superdome, New Orleans & Company, and the New Orleans Tourism and Cultural Fund.

Hosting the Super Bowl for a record-tying 11th time supports our Host Committee theme: ***It's what we do***. During Super Bowl Week, we hope you take time to explore our city and state's rich history and culture.

Enjoy the game!

MARCUS BROWN
Executive Vice President and General Counsel, **Entergy Corporation**

Chair, **New Orleans Super Bowl LIX Host Committee**

JAY CICERO
President and CEO, **Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation/ New Orleans Super Bowl LIX Host Committee**

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The NFL takes over the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center starting Wednesday, Feb. 5, through Saturday, Feb. 8, with Super Bowl Experience presented by Panini.

It is the most exciting continuous event surrounding Super Bowl LIX, offering participatory games, youth football clinics, exclusive merchandise from NFL Shop presented by Visa, and autograph sessions with NFL players and Legends. Super Bowl Experience also features personalized digital photos, a 40-yard dash against NFL players on LED screens, a display of all 58 Super Bowl rings, and photos with the Vince Lombardi Trophy!

Additionally, in a continuing effort to provide the best fan experience, this year's Super Bowl Experience is providing sensory hours. From 1 p.m.–3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, Super Bowl Experience will be fully operational with dim lighting and a low-noise environment to accommodate those with various ability and sensory sensitivities.

SUPER BOWL EXPERIENCE INFORMATION

Wednesday, Feb. 5 – Saturday, Feb. 8
ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER

HOURS OF OPERATION

February 5	3 p.m. – 10 p.m.
February 6	3 p.m. – 10 p.m.
February 7	3 p.m. – 10 p.m.
February 8	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

TICKETS

Super Bowl Experience tickets are on sale at **SuperBowl.com/ExperienceTickets.**

Date	Adult	Age 12 & Under
February 5	$20	Free
February 6	$20	Free
February 7	$40	Free
February 8	$40	Free

SBXTRA

SBXTRA allows fans priority access to their favorite Super Bowl Experience attractions all day. SBXTRA tickets may be purchased for $65 for both children and adults while supplies last. This ticket includes a general ticket to Super Bowl Experience, which is required for entry into the event. Look for the SBXTRA sign at the following attractions:

- **Autograph Stage** (one autograph for each SBXTRA purchase)
- **Vince Lombardi Trophy** (one photo for each SBXTRA purchase)
- **Interactive Games** (unlimited access)
- **Play Football Clinic Field** (unlimited access)

NFL SHOP presented by VISA

THE FLAGSHIP STORE inside the Super Bowl Experience presented by Panini will feature core Super Bowl products as well as specialty items, including customizable headwear. The assortment also will include all 32 teams. The store is located within Super Bowl Experience (Ernest N. Morial Convention Center) and will require a ticket for entry.

Dates/Hours

- **Wednesday, Feb. 5** (3 p.m. – 10 p.m.)
- **Thursday, Feb. 6** (1 p.m. – 10 p.m.)
- **Friday, Feb. 7** (3 p.m. – 10 p.m.)
- **Saturday, Feb. 8** (10 a.m. – 10 p.m.)

Other Locations/On-line Stores

Other NFL Shop presented by Visa locations include The NFL Shop at Canal Place (226 Decatur St.), Caesars Superdome, and several satellite stores. For the complete list of locations, dates, and store hours, and to shop for Super Bowl merchandise online, go to **SuperBowl.com**.

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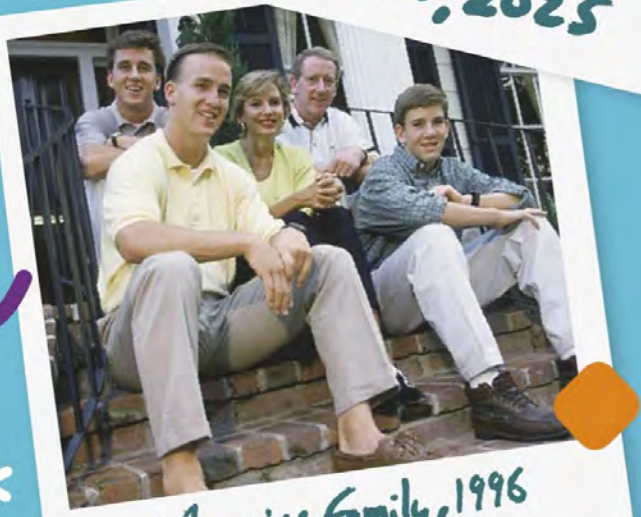

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Learn more at **manningchildrens.org.**

Everyone Loves a Parade

Showcasing the magic of Mardis Gras, the first-ever Super Bowl Host Committee Parade will take place Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the heart of the French Quarter. The parade is a celebration of New Orleans hosting its record-tying 11th Super Bowl, featuring more than two dozen Super Bowl-themed floats from NFL partners, high school and college marching bands, and local stomping groups, all highlighting the city's unique culture.

Free and open to the public, the parade will kick off at the corner of Esplanade Avenue and Decatur Street, winding through the French Quarter and down Decatur to Poydras Street, concluding on St. Charles Avenue in the Warehouse District. Mardi Gras bleachers and stands will be set up for viewing.

Parade-goers can expect to catch a variety of throws, including NFL-themed beads and plush footballs. Brought to life by carnival legend Barry Kern of Mardi Gras World, the Super Bowl Host Committee Parade promises a star-studded lineup of celebrity guests and athletes. Louisiana native Todd Graves, founder of the Baton Rouge-based Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers restaurant chain, will serve as grand marshal.

"I think this event will be the thing that everybody, visitors and locals, all do to get a taste of the Super Bowl," Kern said. "Everybody will just go out on the streets."

Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation head Jay Cicero said the Host Committee was seeking to answer the question, "How can we separate ourselves and our culture from other cities showing that New Orleans is unique? Kudos to the NFL for allowing us to do this, in line with their vision."

The parade will be streamed online at **Nola.com**.

LOUISIANA CULTURE FESTIVAL

The French Market (1101 N. Peters St.), in partnership with the Super Bowl Host Committee, Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, the Louisiana Office of Tourism, and the National Park Service, is hosting the Louisiana Culture Festival on Friday, Feb. 7, and Saturday, Feb. 8.

The festival will showcase the many cultures of Louisiana—with unique booths and activations featuring local Native American tribes and a cultural corner with basket weaving, storytelling, and cooking and dance demonstrations. Jazz and Zydeco bands will also contribute to the programming with live performances during the festival.

For more information about the festival and other events and attractions in New Orleans, visit neworleans.com.

The gospel duo Mary Mary performed at the 2024 Super Bowl Soulful Celebration.

COURTESY OF SUPER BOWL SOULFUL CELEBRATION

LIVE SHOWS/TV EVENTS

SUPER BOWL OPENING NIGHT

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Monday, Feb. 3 · Caesars Superdome · 5 p.m.

Fans are invited to attend an exciting evening celebrating the AFC and NFC champions as they arrive in New Orleans. The event will give fans an opportunity to hear directly from Super Bowl players and coaches during their only public appearance before the big game. Super Bowl Opening Night promises a thrilling experience with family-friendly activities, including New Orleans-style entertainment, photo and autograph opportunities with NFL Legends, team mascots, exclusive NFL Shop merchandise, and more. Fans are encouraged to bring their own headphones so they can listen to the media interviews. Tickets are priced at $20 and can be purchased at **superbowl.com/openingnight**, while television coverage begins at 8 p.m. (ET) on NFL Network with live reporting and interviews from the heart of the celebration.

SUPER BOWL SOULFUL CELEBRATION

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Mahalia Jackson Theater · 7:30 p.m.

The annual Super Bowl Soulful Celebration is the NFL's only sanctioned inspirational concert, uniting cultures through the power of music, faith, and football. Celebrating 26 years during Super Bowl LIX, this year's event is themed "Keep Going" and features performances from diverse genres such as R&B, Gospel, and Country. Past performers have included Kirk Franklin, Patti LaBelle, Earth, Wind & Fire, Yolanda Adams, T-Pain, Mary Mary, Snoop Dogg, and Mickey Guyton. The Super Bowl Soulful Celebration also honors NFL players both on and off the gridiron, spotlighting their contributions to making the world a better place. The broadcast will premiere on Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. (ET) on FOX. For ticket information, visit **superbowlsoulful.com**.

NFL HONORS

Presented by Invisalign

Thursday, Feb. 6 · Saenger Theater · 8 p.m.

NFL Honors presented by Invisalign will celebrate the best in the league, recognizing standout performances and achievements from the 2024 NFL season. The annual prime-time awards special will be hosted by Snoop Dogg and feature live entertainment, special guest appearances, and honor the immense talent, dedication, and impact of those who shape the game on and off the field. Fans can watch the show live at 9 p.m. (ET) on FOX and NFL Network, and stream on NFL+.

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Friday, Feb. 7 · St. Roch Neighborhood · 8:15 a.m.
In partnership with Lowe's, the Official Home Improvement Retail Sponsor of the NFL, Rebuilding Together will provide essential home repairs to five homes and other improvements in New Orleans' St. Roch neighborhood, including cleanup of St. Roch Park, as part of Kickoff to Rebuild. Kickoff to Rebuild is an annual Super Bowl-sanctioned event hosted by Rebuilding Together, a leading national housing nonprofit with a mission to repair the homes of people in need and revitalize communities. The local nonprofit affiliate, Rebuilding Together New Orleans, will lead this year's efforts. For 30 years, Rebuilding Together has worked in Super Bowl cities across the country to rebuild homes and bring neighborhoods together. To date, through Kickoff to Rebuild, Rebuilding Together has repaired more than 182 homes, engaged more than 5,300 volunteers, and invested more than $6.3 million in communities nationwide. Learn more at **rebuildingtogether.org/ktr**.

CUISINE AND CAUSES

Cameron Jordan will be presented the 2025 Bart Starr Award at the Super Bowl Breakfast.

SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST

Saturday, Feb. 8 · Ernest N. Morial Convention Center · 8 a.m.
Since 1988, Athletes in Action has hosted this unique event for business executives to use the platform of sport to spread a message of hope during these challenging times. The program features the presentation of the Bart Starr Award to a current NFL player for outstanding character, integrity, and leadership on and off the field. This year's winner is Cameron Jordan of the New Orleans Saints. The event features Tony Dungy, who will present the 2025 Bart Starr Award, and former NFL players and past Bart Starr Award winners Benjamin Watson, Mike Singletary, and Demario Davis. CBS sportscaster James Brown will emcee the event. They will be joined by other NFL athletes and coaches. Exciting NFL Films highlights, humor, personal stories, and a faith-based message are the highlights of the morning. Go to **superbowlbreakfast.com** to learn more.

Taste of the NFL Marquee Chefs (left to right): Andrew Zimmern, Tim Love, Lasheeda Perry, Carla Hall, and Mark Bucher

NFL TASTE OF THE NFL

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Saturday, Feb. 8
National World War II Museum · 4 p.m.
Taste of the NFL is a culinary and gridiron extravaganza — it's the NFL's largest philanthropic culinary event held during Super Bowl weekend, featuring top chefs, NFL greats, captivating entertainment, and the shared mission of tackling food insecurity among children in Louisiana and nationwide. All net proceeds will benefit national nonprofit GENYOUth's commitment to End Student Hunger to help increase equitable access to and participation in school meals among at-risk children in New Orleans and throughout the United States. The event is hosted by celebrity chefs Andrew Zimmern, Carla Hall, Tim Love, Lasheeda Perry, and Mark Bucher, who will prepare their own Taste of the NFL signature dishes. They will be joined by more than 25 culinary masters, including locally loved New Orleans stars from Acme Oyster House, Brennan's, Palace Café, Restaurant R'evolution, Dakar Nola, Dooky Chase, Café Sbisa, Vyoone's, and many others. Taste of the NFL will also feature an all-star lineup of NFL Legends and players along with surprise and delight moments — New Orleans style. For more information and tickets, please visit **TasteoftheNFL.com**.

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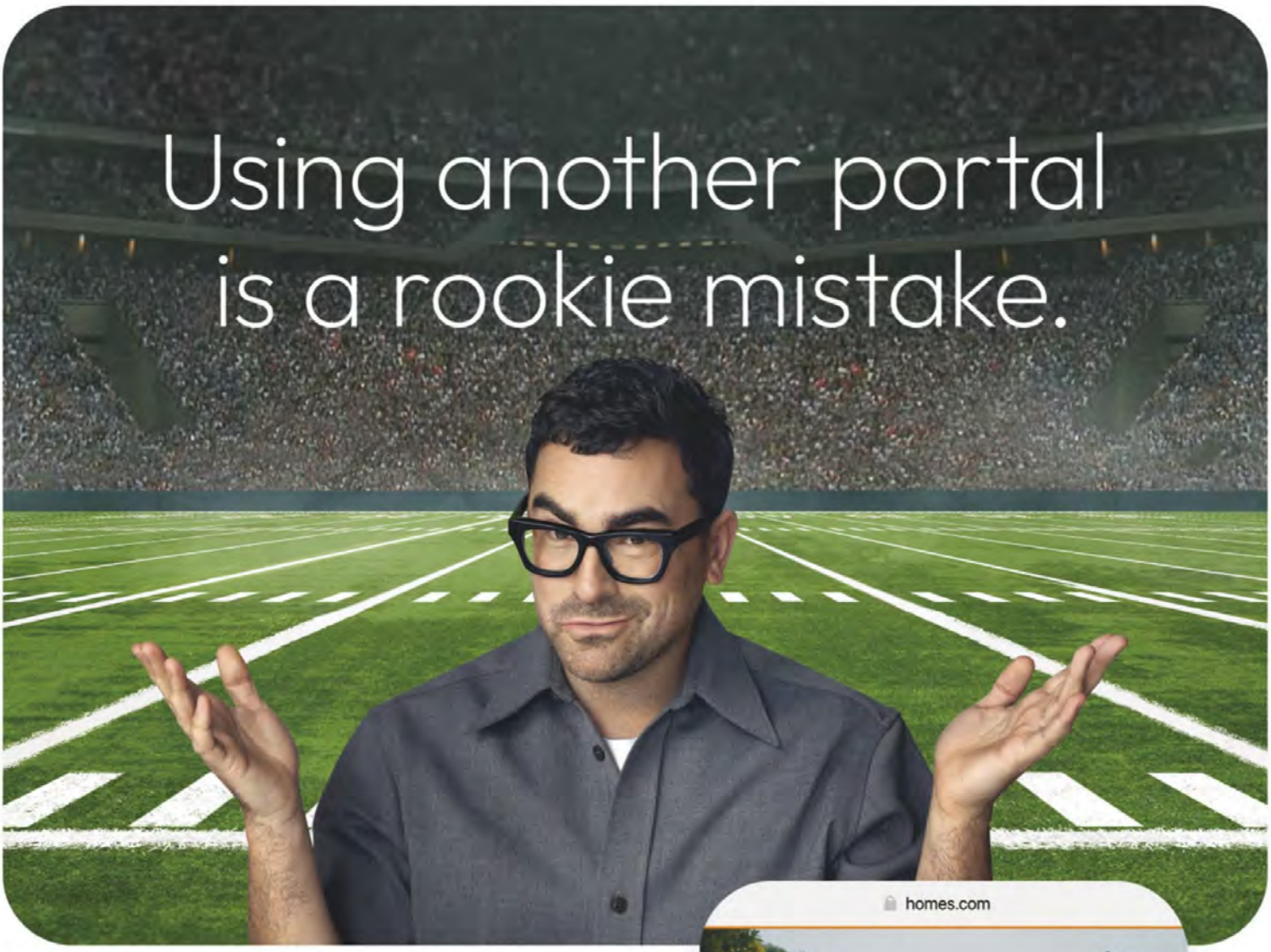

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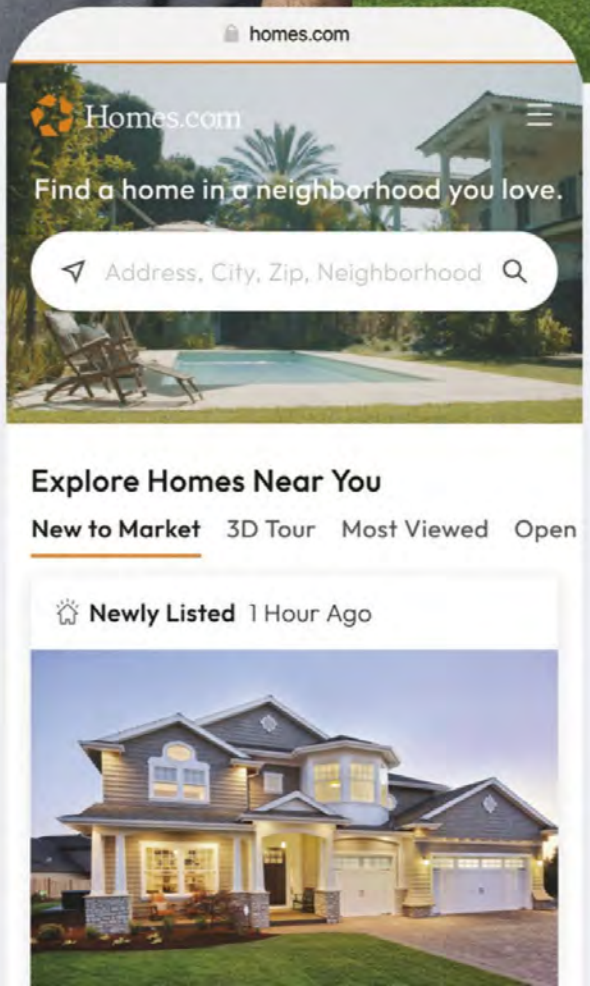

NFL NETWORK

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The Super Bowl is back in New Orleans for the first time since 2013 — and NFL Network is in The Big Easy to be your one-stop shop for everything surrounding Super Bowl LIX!

NFL Network provides extensive, on-location Super Bowl Week coverage for the 22nd time, offering more than 60 hours of live programming starting Monday, Feb. 3, through Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 9.

On Super Bowl Sunday, *NFL GameDay Morning* is live from Caesars Superdome starting at 9 a.m. (ET), kicking off more than eight hours of coverage leading up to the game — hosted by Rich Eisen, Kurt Warner, Steve Mariucci, Gerald McCoy, Ian Rapoport, Cynthia Frelund, Colleen Wolfe, Mike Garafolo, Tom Pelissero, Kyle Brandt, Kimmi Chex, and others. Following the game, *NFL GameDay Final* provides postgame analysis and interviews with the Super Bowl LIX champions.

Throughout the week, wake up with *Good Morning Football* (Monday-Friday at 8 a.m. ET), hosted by Jamie Erdahl, Kyle Brandt, Akbar Gbajabiamila, Peter Schrager, and Sherree Burruss. *The Insiders* (Monday-Saturday at 7 p.m. ET), hosted by Ian Rapoport, Tom Pelissero, Mike Garafolo, and Judy Battista, breaks NFL news about each team as it happens. Super Bowl Live (Monday-Friday at 2 p.m. ET and Saturday at 3 p.m. ET) provides full coverage of the Super Bowl, including interviews, analysis, and all the news from NFL Network talent based in various locations throughout New Orleans.

On Monday, Feb. 3, NFL Network provides comprehensive coverage of Super Bowl Opening Night when the two teams address the media for the first time ahead of Super Bowl LIX.

NFL Network and FOX will also carry live coverage of the *NFL Honors* awards show on Thursday, Feb. 6, beginning with the *NFL Honors Red Carpet Show* at 8 p.m. (ET) and the main show at 9 p.m. (ET)

Additional prime-time specials on NFL Network include *NFL Mic'd Up: Sounds of the Season* (Feb. 5, 8 p.m. ET), *NFL GameDay View* (Feb. 7, 8 p.m. ET), *The Hall of Fame Knocks: Welcome to Canton* (Feb. 8, 8 p.m. ET), and *Super Bowl LIX Countdown* (Feb. 8, 10 p.m. ET).

For more on NFL Network's Super Bowl LIX coverage, visit **NFL.com/nflnetwork** and follow **@NFLMedia** on X and Instagram.

NFL ONE PASS

NFL OnePass gives you access to all Super Bowl LIX event information and is your go-to guide for Gameday! Please note that NFL OnePass is required to participate in any interactive games on site. Fans who download and register for the NFL OnePass app will also be entered for a chance to win a pair of tickets to Super Bowl LIX.

Visit nfl.com/onepass to download today!

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INDICATION

BOTOX® (onabotulinumtoxinA) is a prescription medicine that is injected into muscles and used to prevent headaches in adults with chronic migraine who have 15 or more days each month with headache lasting 4 or more hours each day in people 18 years and older.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

BOTOX may cause serious side effects that can be life threatening. Get medical help right away if you have any of these problems any time (hours to weeks) after injection of BOTOX:

- **Problems swallowing, speaking, or breathing,** due to weakening of associated muscles, can be severe and result in loss of life. You are at the highest risk if these problems are preexisting before injection. Swallowing problems may last for several months.
- **Spread of toxin effects.** The effect of botulinum toxin may affect areas away from the injection site and cause serious symptoms, including loss of strength and all-over muscle weakness; double vision; blurred vision; drooping eyelids; hoarseness or change or loss of voice; trouble saying words clearly; loss of bladder control; trouble breathing; and trouble swallowing.

There has not been a confirmed serious case of spread of toxin effect away from the injection site when BOTOX has been used at the recommended dose to treat chronic migraine.

BOTOX may cause loss of strength or general muscle weakness, vision problems, or dizziness within hours to weeks of receiving BOTOX. **If this happens, do not drive a car, operate machinery, or do other dangerous activities.**

Do not receive BOTOX if you are allergic to any of the ingredients in BOTOX (see Medication Guide for ingredients); had an allergic reaction to any other botulinum toxin product such as Myobloc® (rimabotulinumtoxinB), Dysport® (abobotulinumtoxinA), or Xeomin® (incobotulinumtoxinA); have a skin infection at the planned injection site.

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Tell your doctor about all your muscle or nerve conditions, such as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease, myasthenia gravis, or Lambert-Eaton syndrome, as you may be at increased risk of serious side effects, including difficulty swallowing and difficulty breathing from typical doses of BOTOX.

Tell your doctor about all your medical conditions, including if you have or have had bleeding problems; have plans to have surgery; had surgery on your face; have weakness of forehead muscles, trouble raising your eyebrows, drooping eyelids, and any other abnormal facial change; are pregnant or plan to become pregnant (it is not known if BOTOX can harm your unborn baby); are breastfeeding or plan to (it is not known if BOTOX passes into breast milk).

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Using BOTOX with certain other medicines may cause serious side effects. **Do not start any new medicines until you have told your doctor that you have received BOTOX in the past.**

Tell your doctor if you received any other botulinum toxin product in the last 4 months; have received injections of botulinum toxin such as Myobloc®, Dysport®, or Xeomin® in the past (tell your doctor exactly which product you received); have recently received an antibiotic by injection; take muscle relaxants; take an allergy or cold medicine; take a sleep medicine; take aspirin-like products or blood thinners.

Other side effects of BOTOX include dry mouth; discomfort or pain at the injection site; tiredness; headache; neck pain; eye problems such as double vision, blurred vision, decreased eyesight, drooping eyelids, swelling of your eyelids, and dry eyes; drooping eyebrows; and upper respiratory tract infection.

For more information, refer to the Medication Guide or talk with your doctor.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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Patient Information

This summary contains important risk information about **BOTOX**. This brief summary is not comprehensive and does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. To learn more, talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist. For a copy of the full Prescribing Information, visit www.BOTOX.com or call 1-800-678-1605.

What is the most important information I should know about BOTOX?

BOTOX may cause serious side effects that can be life threatening, including:

- **Problems breathing or swallowing**
- **Spread of toxin effects**

These problems can happen hours, days, to weeks after an injection of BOTOX. Call your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of these problems after treatment with BOTOX:

- **Problems swallowing, speaking, or breathing. These problems can happen hours, days, to weeks after an injection of BOTOX** usually because the muscles that you use to breathe and swallow can become weak after the injection. Death can happen as a complication if you have severe problems with swallowing or breathing after treatment with **BOTOX**.
  - People with certain breathing problems may need to use muscles in their neck to help them breathe. These people may be at greater risk for serious breathing problems with **BOTOX**.
  - Swallowing problems may last for several months. People who cannot swallow well may need a feeding tube to receive food and water. If swallowing problems are severe, food or liquids may go into your lungs. People who already have swallowing or breathing problems before receiving **BOTOX** have the highest risk of getting these problems.
- **Spread of toxin effects.** In some cases, the effect of botulinum toxin may affect areas of the body away from the injection site and cause symptoms of a serious condition called botulism. The symptoms of botulism include:
  - loss of strength and muscle weakness all over the body
  - double vision, blurred vision and drooping eyelids
  - hoarseness or change or loss of voice (dysphonia)
  - trouble saying words clearly (dysarthria)
  - loss of bladder control
  - trouble breathing
  - trouble swallowing

These symptoms can happen hours, days, to weeks after you receive an injection of **BOTOX**.

These problems could make it unsafe for you to drive a car or do other dangerous activities. See "What should I avoid while receiving **BOTOX**?"

There has not been a confirmed serious case of spread of toxin effect away from the injection site when **BOTOX** has been used at the recommended dose to treat chronic migraine, severe underarm sweating, blepharospasm, or strabismus.

What is BOTOX?

BOTOX is a prescription medicine that is injected into muscles and used:

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- to treat leakage of urine (incontinence) in adults with overactive bladder due to neurologic disease when another type of medicine (anticholinergic) does not work well enough or cannot be taken.
- to treat overactive bladder due to a neurologic disease in children 5 years of age and older when another type of medicine (anticholinergic) does not work well enough or cannot be taken.
- to prevent headaches in adults with chronic migraine who have 15 or more days each month with headache lasting 4 or more hours each day.
- to treat increased muscle stiffness in people 2 years of age and older with spasticity.
- to treat the abnormal head position and neck pain that happens with cervical dystonia (CD) in adults.
- to treat certain types of eye muscle problems (strabismus) or abnormal spasm of the eyelids (blepharospasm) in people 12 years of age and older.

BOTOX is also injected into the skin to treat the symptoms of severe underarm sweating (severe primary axillary hyperhidrosis) when medicines used on the skin (topical) do not work well enough.

It is not known whether **BOTOX** is safe and effective in people younger than:

- 18 years of age for treatment of overactive bladder with urinary incontinence
- 5 years of age for the treatment of overactive bladder due to a neurologic disease
- 18 years of age for treatment of chronic migraine
- 16 years of age for treatment of cervical dystonia
- 18 years of age for treatment of hyperhidrosis
- 12 years of age for treatment of strabismus or blepharospasm
- 2 years of age for treatment of spasticity

It is not known whether **BOTOX** is safe and effective to prevent headaches in people with migraine who have 14 or fewer headache days each month (episodic migraine).

It is not known whether **BOTOX** is safe and effective for severe sweating anywhere other than your armpits.

Who should not receive BOTOX?

Do not receive **BOTOX** if you:

- are allergic to any of the ingredients in **BOTOX**. See the end of this Consumer Brief Summary for a complete list of ingredients in **BOTOX**.
- had an allergic reaction to any other botulinum toxin product such as Myobloc®, Dysport®, or Xeomin®.
- have a skin infection at the planned injection site.
- are being treated for urinary incontinence and have a urinary tract infection (UTI).
- are being treated for urinary incontinence and find that you cannot empty your bladder on your own (only applies to people who are not routinely catheterizing).

What should I tell my doctor before receiving BOTOX?

Tell your doctor about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have a disease that affects your muscles and nerves (such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease], myasthenia gravis or Lambert-Eaton syndrome). See "What is the most important information I should know about **BOTOX**?"
- have allergies to any botulinum toxin product.
- had any side effect from any botulinum toxin product in the past.
- have or have had a breathing problem, such as asthma or emphysema.
- have or have had swallowing problems.
- have or have had bleeding problems.
- have plans to have surgery.
- had surgery on your face.
- have weakness of your forehead muscles, such as trouble raising your eyebrows.
- have drooping eyelids.
- have any other change in the way your face normally looks.
- have symptoms of a urinary tract infection (UTI) and are being treated for urinary incontinence. Symptoms of a urinary tract infection may include pain or burning with urination, frequent urination, or fever.
- have problems emptying your bladder on your own and are being treated for urinary incontinence.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if **BOTOX** can harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if **BOTOX** passes into breast milk.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements. Using **BOTOX** with certain other medicines may cause serious side effects. **Do not start any new medicines until you have told your doctor that you have received BOTOX in the past.**

Especially tell your doctor if you:

- have received any other botulinum toxin product in the last four months.
- have received injections of botulinum toxin, such as Myobloc® (rimabotulinumtoxinB), Dysport® (abobotulinumtoxinA), or Xeomin® (incobotulinumtoxinA) in the past. Be sure your doctor knows exactly which product you received.
- have recently received an antibiotic by injection.
- take muscle relaxants.
- take an allergy or cold medicine.
- take a sleep medicine.
- take anti-platelets (aspirin-like products) or anti-coagulants (blood thinners).

Ask your doctor if you are not sure if your medicine is one that is listed above.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines with you to show your doctor and pharmacist each time you get a new medicine.

How will I receive BOTOX?

- **BOTOX** is an injection that your doctor will give you.
- **BOTOX** is injected into your affected muscles, skin, or bladder.
- Your doctor may change your dose of **BOTOX**, until you and your doctor find the best dose for you.
- **Your doctor will tell you how often you will receive your dose of BOTOX injections.**

What should I avoid while receiving BOTOX?

BOTOX may cause loss of strength or general muscle weakness, vision problems, or dizziness within hours to weeks of taking **BOTOX. If this happens, do not drive a car, operate machinery, or do other dangerous activities.** See "What is the most important information I should know about **BOTOX**?"

What are the possible side effects of BOTOX?

BOTOX can cause serious side effects. See "What is the most important information I should know about **BOTOX**?"

Other side effects of BOTOX include:

- dry mouth.
- discomfort or pain at the injection site.
- tiredness.
- headache.
- neck pain.
- eye problems: double vision, blurred vision, decreased eyesight, drooping eyelids, swelling of your eyelids, and dry eyes.
- drooping eyebrows.
- urinary tract infection in both children and adults being treated for urinary incontinence.
- painful urination in adults being treated for urinary incontinence.
- bacteria, white blood cells, and blood in the urine of children being treated for urinary incontinence.
- inability to empty your bladder on your own and are being treated for urinary incontinence. If you have difficulty fully emptying your bladder after getting **BOTOX**, you may need to use disposable self-catheters to empty your bladder up to a few times each day until your bladder is able to start emptying again.
- allergic reactions. Symptoms of an allergic reaction to **BOTOX** may include: itching, rash, red itchy welts, wheezing, asthma symptoms, or dizziness or feeling faint. Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you are wheezing or have asthma symptoms, or if you become dizzy or faint.
- upper respiratory tract infection.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of **BOTOX**. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

General information about the safe and effective use of BOTOX:

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. This Consumer Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about **BOTOX**. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about **BOTOX** that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in BOTOX?

Active ingredient: onabotulinumtoxinA

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FOX Sports Is Set for SB LIX

FOX Sports and FOX Deportes take the field in New Orleans for Super Bowl LIX, offering 65 hours of week-long comprehensive programming across FOX, FS1, and FOX Deportes.

FOX Sports' lead NFL announce team of Tom Brady and Kevin Burkhardt call Super Bowl LIX, marking Brady's first Super Bowl broadcast. Erin Andrews and Tom Rinaldi report live from the field. Mike Pereira provides expert rules analysis throughout the game.

FOX broadcasts five-and-a-half hours of pregame coverage beginning at 1 p.m. (ET) with *FOX SUPER BOWL LIX PREGAME* live from New Orleans' iconic Bourbon Street. Curt Menefee hosts alongside Terry Bradshaw, Howie Long, Michael Strahan, Jimmy Johnson, Rob Gronkowski, and Jay Glazer.

Also joining *FOX SUPER BOWL LIX PREGAME* coverage are host Charissa Thompson, Charles Woodson, Julian Edelman, Michael Vick, Peter Schrager, Kristina Pink, and Cooper Manning. Live postgame coverage airs at 10 p.m. (ET) on FOX.

This year marks the first time FOX Sports rolls out its special Super Bowl takeover of Tubi — inclusive of streaming FOX's Super Bowl LIX broadcast on the platform live in 4K.

Featured content is also set to include FOX's *SUPER BOWL LIX PREGAME SHOW* and a first-of-its-kind live pre-show titled the *TUBI RED CARPET AT SUPER BOWL LIX* at 3:30 p.m. (ET).

Super Bowl LIX is available to watch on FOX, FOX Deportes, Tubi, Telemundo, and across NFL digital properties with unauthenticated access across devices.

FOX DEPORTES presents the Spanish-language telecast of the Super Bowl with extensive coverage all week beginning Monday, Feb. 3, with a special three-hour program from Super Bowl Opening Night. The week includes special editions of *NFLEROS*, *TOTAL SPORTS 360*, and *EL ENTRETIEMPO*.

On Super Bowl Sunday, FOX Deportes offers nine hours of live coverage, including editions of EL ENTRETIEMPO, TOTAL SPORTS 360, and a pregame show beginning at 1 p.m. (ET) live from Caesars Superdome. Super Bowl Week coverage is led by host/reporter Rodolfo Landeros, Adrian Garcia-Marquez, Jessi Losada, and Jaime Motta.

Please visit **FOXSports.com** or FOX Sports Press Pass for more information.

WESTWOOD ONE IS THE RADIO HOME OF THE SUPER BOWL

Kevin Harlan (left) and Kurt Warner

For the 38th consecutive year and 52nd time overall, Westwood One will serve as the exclusive network radio home of the Super Bowl. Beginning at 5 p.m. (ET), Kevin Harlan and Super Bowl XXXIV MVP and Hall of Fame quarterback Kurt Warner will call the action to millions of listeners tuned in across approximately 700 radio stations nationwide, in 175 countries, and more than 200 ships at sea via the American Forces Radio Network. Fans also can hear the broadcast streamed on westwoodonesports.com and affiliated stations' primary digital platforms, plus SiriusXM and NFL+.

This is Harlan's 15th Super Bowl broadcast for the network and Warner's seventh. CBS Sports rules analyst and former NFL referee Gene Steratore will join them in the radio broadcast booth.

The award-winning Laura Okmin will serve as sideline reporter for the sixth time. Scott Graham and three-time Super Bowl champion Devin McCourty will host Westwood One's pregame, halftime, and postgame coverage live from New Orleans, with former NFL offensive lineman Ross Tucker also contributing to the pregame coverage.

Westwood One's broadcast day kicks off at 2 p.m. (ET) with *Super Bowl Preview*. *Super Bowl Insider* begins at 3 p.m. (ET), and *Super Sunday* follows at 4 p.m. (ET)

Mike Eaby is the executive producer of the Super Bowl broadcast on Westwood One. This is his 17th Super Bowl with the network. Aaron Cummins and Brian Finkelstein are the coordinating producers.

Westwood One Sports is home to some of the most exciting sports broadcasts in audio. In addition to being the exclusive network radio partner to the NFL, its other properties include: NCAA basketball, including the NCAA men's and women's tournaments and the Final Four; The Masters; NCAA football; and other marquee sports events. Westwood One also distributes and represents Infinity Sports Radio.

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WALTER PAYTON MAN OF THE YEAR
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The Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award presented by Nationwide is the league's most prestigious honor, recognizing players who excel on the field and demonstrate a commitment to creating a positive impact beyond the game.

All 32 team nominees are being honored for their impactful work during the week leading up to Super Bowl LIX. The 2024 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year is being announced during the *NFL Honors* awards show on Thursday, Feb. 6, and all 32 nominees will be recognized on gameday at the Caesars Superdome.

First established in 1970, the national award was renamed in 1999 after the late Hall of Fame Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton. Beginning in 2017, the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year trophy silhouette came to life in on-field uniforms to further recognize past award winners and current nominees.

The four current players who have won the award — Calais Campbell, Russell Wilson, Dak Prescott, and Cameron Heyward — wear a Man of the Year patch on their jerseys to recognize their outstanding contributions to the game and their communities. All 2024 nominees wore a Man of the Year helmet decal beginning in Week 14 to recognize their accomplishments on and off the field.

Each Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year nominee will receive up to $55,000. The award winner will receive up to a $265,000 donation to the charity of their choice. All donations are courtesy of the NFL Foundation and Nationwide.

2023 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award recipient Cameron Heyward of the Pittsburgh Steelers poses at the *NFL Honors* awards show.

Learn more about this year's 32 nominees, their community service, and the history of the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award by visiting **NFL.com/manoftheyear**.

MATT YORK/AP IMAGES (Heyward)

NFL PLAY:60

MEET THE NFL PLAY 60 SUPER KID

Hayes Audler from Louisiana will be the NFL PLAY 60 Super Kid at Super Bowl LIX. Hayes will participate in a variety of community events and behind-the-scenes opportunities, culminating in on-field recognition at the game.

NFL PLAY 60 is the league's youth health and wellness platform, empowering youth to get physically active for at least 60 minutes a day. Hayes has demonstrated a dedication to living an active and healthy lifestyle by participating in youth sports through local Special Olympics state programs, including involvement in Unified flag football.

In addition to his responsibilities as the NFL PLAY 60 Super Kid, Hayes will serve as ABC *Good Morning America*'s Kid Correspondent throughout Super Bowl Week. He will attend a variety of Super Bowl events, including *NFL Honors* and Super Bowl Experience, where he will have the opportunity to interview NFL players and legends.

JON BATISTE

TROMBONE SHORTY

LAUREN DAIGLE

Pregame Performances

New Orleans' legendary music scene, highlighted by performers who call Louisiana home, will take center stage prior to kickoff of Super Bowl LIX.

Acclaimed musical artist **Jon Batiste** will perform the national anthem. Batiste is a five-time Grammy Award-winning and Academy Award-winning artist known for his dynamic work as a singer, songwriter, and composer. The New Orleans native and 22-time Grammy nominee recently released *Beethoven Blues*, which reimagines Beethoven's iconic works through a blues lens and debuted as the No. 1 Classical album. In addition, he composed the innovative score for the critically acclaimed film *Saturday Night* and also composed the score for his documentary *American Symphony*, which was recently nominated for two Grammys.

Trombone Shorty, the Grammy Award-winning New Orleans musician and producer, will perform "America the Beautiful" alongside Grammy Award-winning artist **Lauren Daigle**. A true New Orleans legend, Shorty performed at Jazz Fest with Bo Diddley at age 4 and led a brass band by age 6. Since then, he's released five acclaimed albums, toured with major acts like Lenny Kravitz, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and the Foo Fighters, headlined festivals worldwide, and performed at the White House on six occasions. Louisiana native Daigle is known for her powerful voice and chart-topping hits. Her 2018 album *Look Up Child* debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard Top 200, making her the first female artist to reach the Top 10 on both the Pop and Christian album charts simultaneously.

Grammy Award-winning artist **Ledisi** will perform "Lift Every Voice and Sing." A proud New Orleans native, Ledisi has earned international acclaim by redefining soul and R&B with her electrifying performances and commanding stage presence. Beyond music, Ledisi is an actress, author, and advocate, with notable roles in *Leatherheads* and *Spinning Gold*.

LEDISI

The Super Bowl pregame entertainment and *Apple Music Super Bowl Halftime Show* will also feature American Sign Language (ASL) performances. **Stephanie Nogueras** will perform the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful," **Otis Jones IV** will sign "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and **Matt Maxey** will deliver the ASL rendition of the *Apple Music Super Bowl Halftime Show*.

GAMEDAY EXPERIENCE presented by Bud Light

All Super Bowl LIX ticket holders are invited to Gameday Experience presented by Bud Light in Garages 5 & 6 at Caesars Superdome, starting at 1:30 p.m. Fans can enjoy numerous attractions, including iconic photo opportunities, the Vince Lombardi Trophy, the full collection of 58 Super Bowl rings, exclusive merchandise at NFL Shop presented by Visa, food and beverage for purchase, Super Bowl entertainment, and pep rally zones.

DANNY CLINCH (Trombone Shorty); RON T. YOUNG (Ledisi); COURTESY OF JON BATISTE, LAUREN DAIGLE

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Stage is Set for 'Transcendent' Kendrick Lamar

Multi-platinum, Grammy- and Emmy Award-winning artist and co-founder of creative imprint pgLang Kendrick Lamar will perform at the *Apple Music Super Bowl LIX Halftime Show*.

"Kendrick Lamar is truly a once-in-a-generation artist and performer," said Shawn "JAY-Z" Carter, co-founder and majority owner of the entertainment company Roc Nation, the NFL's live music entertainment strategist. "His deep love for hip-hop and culture informs his artistic vision. He has an unparalleled ability to define and influence culture globally. Kendrick's work transcends music, and his impact will be felt for years to come."

Lamar has achieved massive critical and cultural success since his debut album *good kid, m.A.A.d city* was released in 2012. Over his career, he has accumulated 17 Grammy wins while also becoming the first non-classical, non-jazz musician to win a Pulitzer Prize — for his 2017 album *DAMN*. Lamar's latest album, *Mr. Morale & The Big Steppers*, was released in 2022. Last April, "Like That" by Future, Metro Boomin, and Lamar had a three-week run at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, and in June, Lamar's record-breaking "Not Like Us" spent two weeks at No. 1.

"The *Apple Music Super Bowl Halftime Show* is a celebration of the music we love and the incredible artists who make it, all on the world's biggest stage," said Oliver Schusser, Apple's vice president of Apple Music, Apple TV+, Sports, and Beats. "Apple is thrilled to bring this show, starring the absolutely incomparable Kendrick Lamar, to fans worldwide with Apple Music's industry-leading Spatial Audio quality along with tons of exclusive videos, interviews, playlists, and so much more across Apple Music."

Seth Dudowsky, head of music at the NFL, added, "Few artists have impacted music and culture as profoundly as Kendrick Lamar. Time and time again, [he] has proven his unique ability to craft moments that resonate, redefine, and ultimately shake the very foundation of hip-hop. We're excited to collaborate with Kendrick, Roc Nation, and Apple Music to deliver another unforgettable *Halftime Show*."

The *Apple Music Super Bowl LIX Halftime Show* telecast will be produced by DPS with Roc Nation and Jesse Collins serving as executive producers and Hamish Hamilton serving as director. Roc Nation will also serve as the strategic entertainment advisor of the live performance, and creative direction for Lamar's performance will be provided by pgLang.

In 2024, the *Apple Music Super Bowl LVIII Halftime Show* starring Usher became the most-watched halftime performance of all time and garnered three Emmy nominations, including Outstanding Variety Special (LIVE).

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BY IAN RAPOPORT

Patrick Mahomes (15) throws the game-winning touchdown pass to Mecole Hardman (12) in overtime of Super Bowl LVIII, lifting the Chiefs to a 25-22 win over the 49ers. It marked only the second Super Bowl and fourth pro football championship game to go into overtime.

EXTRA

PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND. THEY THINK THAT I BLACKED OUT AS SOON AS I CAUGHT IT. BUT I HAD THE RECOLLECTION OF ACTUALLY CATCHING IT AND WINNING THE GAME. AFTER I KNEW WE WON, THAT'S WHEN EVERYTHING JUST WENT BLANK FOR A SECOND."

—MECOLE HARDMAN

There is a misconception that when Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Mecole Hardman caught that final pass in Super Bowl LVIII, he blacked out. And the world stopped.

That's not true.

On the game-winning play — with the ball at the 3-yard line and the seconds ticking down in the first overtime period — Hardman went into motion, froze, then completed his shuttle route to the right flat. He turned and took a Patrick Mahomes pass right into the palm of his hands and crept backwards into the end zone for the touchdown. And then it was chaos.

The Kansas City quarterback, who had just completed another Super Bowl MVP performance, jumped into his arms. The confetti splashed onto the Allegiant Stadium turf. And everyone thought Hardman's mind stopped, too.

"People don't understand," he says about the play that lifted the Chiefs to a 25-22 victory over the San Francisco 49ers. "They think that I blacked out as soon as I caught [the ball]. But I had the recollection of actually catching it and winning the game. After I knew we won, that's when everything just went blank for a second."

It was, as Hardman describes, "one of the highlights of my career for sure," and he made certain to soak it all in. And as only the second Super Bowl and fourth pro football championship game to go into overtime, it was equally memorable for fans.

The legendary 1958 NFL title game between the Colts and Giants — commonly referred to as "the Greatest Game Ever Played" — was the first. It was such a unique situation that some players shook hands as the fourth-quarter clock counted down thinking the game was ending in a tie.

It wasn't until officials asked the teams to send out their captains for the overtime coin flip that they understood what was taking place. The Giants won the flip but went three-and-out on their first possession, and just minutes later the Colts' Alan Ameche ran for the most famous 1-yard touchdown in sports history. Final score: Colts 23, Giants 17.

In 1962, the AFL Championship Game went into overtime for the only time in its 10-year existence. The Houston Oilers, seeking their third straight AFL title, were stopped by coach Hank Stram's Dallas Texans (soon to become the Kansas City Chiefs), 20-17, in two overtimes. After 17 minutes, 54 seconds of extra play, Tommy Booker booted a 25-yard field goal to seal the outcome.

And that was it for more than a half century. Not until Super Bowl LI — played on Feb. 6, 2017 — did the Super Bowl have its first overtime. And that game is better remembered for another reason: 28-3.

The Atlanta Falcons took a huge lead over the New England Patriots, only to watch the greatest comeback the Super Bowl has ever seen unfold in front of their eyes. For Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan, it was a nightmare.

"I get asked about it a lot," he said recently. "It's obviously something I wish was different, and it'll always be somewhere in there as a motivating factor moving forward. I'm not a player anymore, so it's hard to rectify that. But I think about it, and I think I learned a lot from it."

SUPER BOWL LVIII

FINAL/OVERTIME

22
San Francisco 49ers

▸25
Kansas City Chiefs

	1	2	3	4	OT	F
SF	0	10	0	9	3	**22**
KC	0	3	10	6	6	**25**

SCORING SUMMARY

2ND QUARTER

49ers > 14:48
Jake Moody
55-yard FG

49ers > 4:23
Christian McCaffrey
21-yard TD pass from
Jauan Jennings
(Moody PAT)

Chiefs > 0:20
Harrison Butker
28-yard FG

3RD QUARTER

Chiefs > 5:01
Butker 57-yard FG

Chiefs > 2:28
Marquez
Valdes-Scantling
16-yard TD pass from
Patrick Mahomes
(Butker PAT)

4TH QUARTER

49ers > 11:22
Jennings 10-yard
TD pass from
Brock Purdy
(PAT blocked)

Chiefs > 5:46
Butker 24-yard FG

49ers > 1:53
Moody 53-yard FG

Chiefs > 0:03
Butker 29-yard FG

OVERTIME

49ers > 7:22
Moody 27-yard FG

Chiefs > 0:03
Mecole Hardman
3-yard TD pass
from Mahomes

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Overtime was exclusive to the playoffs until 1974 — when it was added for regular-season games — and the rules have gone through several iterations since.

The original concept was straight forward: The first team to score in overtime was the victor (with regular-season games being declared a tie if neither team scored in the 15-minute quarter). That was modified in 2010 for postseason games, with both teams getting a possession unless the team receiving the ball first scored a touchdown. Two years later, that same rule was implemented for the regular season, and in 2017, the regular-season overtime period was shortened from 15 minutes to 10 with player safety in mind.

Thanks to what the Chiefs did to the Buffalo Bills in the 2021 AFC Divisional Playoffs — winning the overtime coin flip and driving for a TD while Bills quarterback Josh Allen sat helplessly on the bench — the NFL made another change. From then on, in all postseason games, both teams would have a chance to possess the ball ... no matter what.

As Hardman notes, that was a big topic for Kansas City as it prepared for last year's Super Bowl. The same Kansas City team, by the way, that was victimized by the old rule in the 2018 AFC Championship Game, when Mahomes watched Tom Brady and the Patriots score an overtime touchdown to win without the Chiefs touching the ball. Two weeks later, New England defeated the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LIII.

"Every meeting we hold for special situations, we make sure to understand the new overtime rules," Hardman says. "They made the new OT rules because of us, so ..."

LEFT: The Falcons' Julio Jones (11) makes an acrobatic catch over Eric Rowe (25) late in Super Bowl LI, a play that could have secured the title for Atlanta if not for New England's late-game heroics. RIGHT: Danny Amendola (80) brings in a touchdown grab as part of the Patriots' fourth-quarter rally. He later caught a two-point conversion that tied the game and forced overtime.

James White lunges over the goal line for a TD in overtime of Super Bowl LI, completing both the largest comeback in Super Bowl history — the Patriots once trailed by 25 points — and the first Super Bowl to need overtime to determine the winner.

OVERTIME
11:02

SUPER BOWL LI

FINAL/OVERTIME

34
New England Patriots

28
Atlanta Falcons

	1	2	3	4	OT	F
NE	0	3	6	19	6	**34**
ATL	0	21	7	0	0	**28**

SCORING SUMMARY

2ND QUARTER

Falcons > 12:15
Devonta Freeman 5-yard TD run (Matt Bryant PAT)

Falcons > 8:48
Austin Hooper 19-yard TD pass from Matt Ryan (Bryant PAT)

Falcons > 2:21
Robert Alford 82-yard interception-return TD (Bryant PAT)

Patriots > 0:02
Stephen Gostkowski 41-yard FG

3RD QUARTER

Falcons > 8:31
Tevin Coleman 6-yard TD pass from Ryan (Bryant PAT)

Patriots > 2:06
James White 5-yard TD pass from Tom Brady (PAT failed)

4TH QUARTER

Patriots > 9:44
Gostkowski 33-yard FG

Patriots > 5:56
Danny Amendola 6-yard TD pass from Brady (White run)

Patriots > 0:57
White 1-yard TD run (Brady pass to Amendola)

OVERTIME

Patriots > 11:02
White 2-yard TD run

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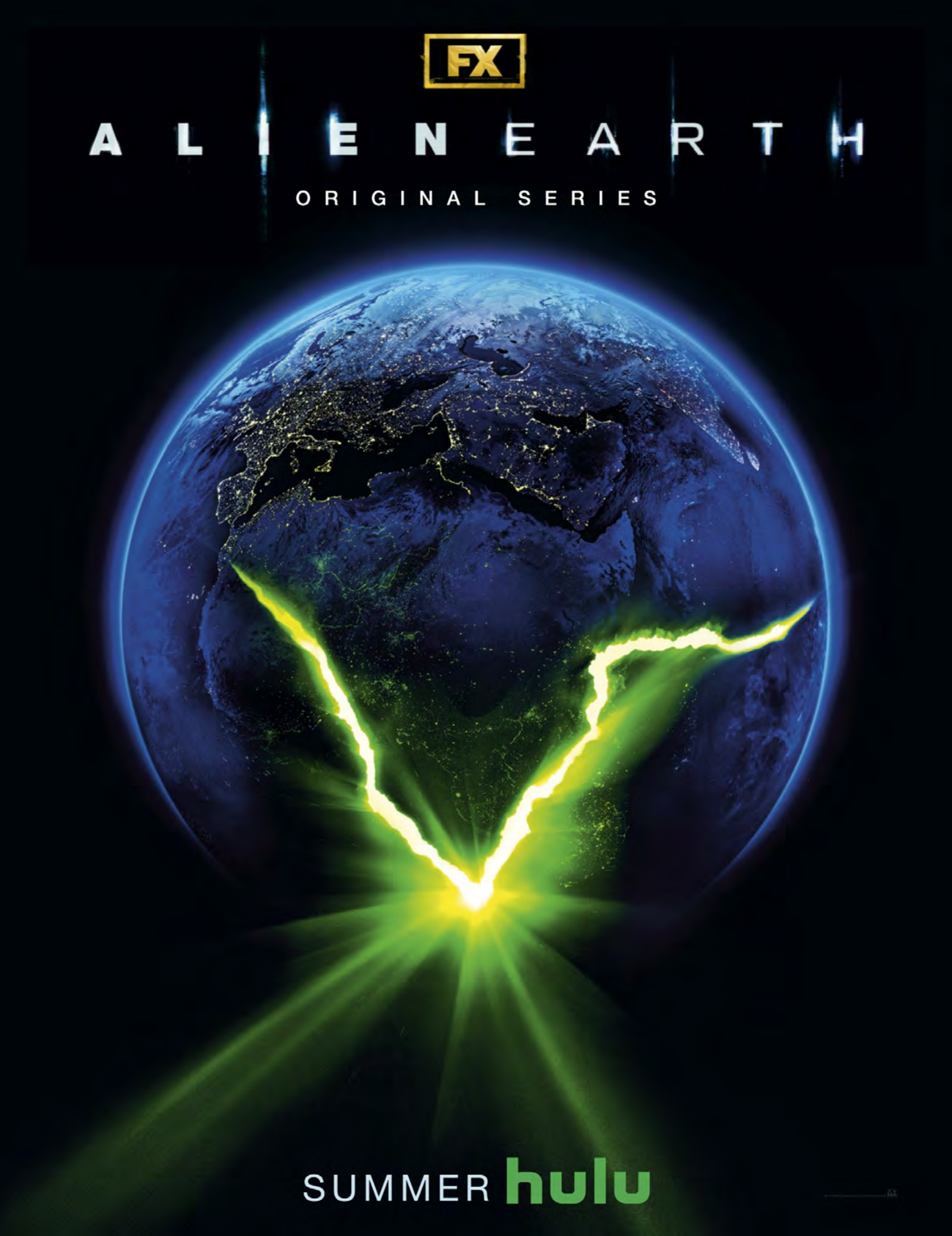
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When the Patriots played the Falcons, though, the old rules were still in place. New England head coach Bill Belichick had gone over that with his team during the week, so when captain Matthew Slater won the coin toss and it was Patriots ball, there was immediate optimism.

"We had an understanding of the overtime rules at the time," recalls former Patriots running back James White, whose 2-yard TD run clinched the game and the franchise's fifth Super Bowl crown. "You score, you win. Coach Belichick always did a great job in training camp and throughout the year reminding us of situations based on what happened in other games, not only ours. At that moment when we won the coin toss and got the ball, we knew if we scored a touchdown, the game was over."

Ryan can only think back and lament that the rules weren't different then.

"It's amazing that you play four quarters and then it really comes down to a coin flip," he says. "At least, that's what the rules were at that point. That part was hard.

"And knowing the momentum that they had, it felt like if we lost the coin flip, it was going to be tough. I'm a fan of what the league has done (with the rule change). And you look at this past Super Bowl, it provided for some interesting discussions on strategy."

Whether the coin-toss winner should receive the ball or kick off became a huge debate following last year's Super Bowl, even if the analytics bore it out for Kansas City. If you get the ball second, you know what you need to do to win. You have more information.

"WE KNEW WE HAD EXHAUSTED THEIR DEFENSE. I'M PRETTY SURE WE HAD 100 PLAYS ON OFFENSE ... AND THEY WERE REALLY SHOWING THEIR TIREDNESS ON THEIR FACES. WE KNEW AT THAT POINT WE HAD THEM."
—JAMES WHITE

White is fine with the rules as they are now. And, yes, he's thought about the what-if.

"It would've been very different, obviously," he says, laughing. "We'd have given the ball back to Atlanta and wonder what they could've potentially done at that point. Would they go down and try to tie it (after scoring a TD) or would they go for two (and the win)? All those types of situations that we saw in the Super Bowl last year."

In a way, the first overtime in Super Bowl history is only the second-most remembered part of that game. New England trailed by 25 points late in the third quarter, which Belichick later noted wasn't indicative of how his team was playing and why he remained confident in a comeback. The Patriots chipped away, and when Danny Amendola caught a 6-yard TD pass and White ran for the 2-point conversion, the score was 28-20.

However, with 4:47 left, it looked like Falcons receiver Julio Jones would etch his name into the history books with a 27-yard reception down the right sideline that no other receiver in football would make. Pure insanity. From there, if the Falcons run the ball a few times and kick a field goal, the play becomes legendary.

"Had the game shaken out differently, it probably goes down as one of the best catches ever made in the Super Bowl, but that's not what happened," Ryan says.

Instead, Atlanta stayed aggressive, and a sack and a holding penalty knocked the Falcons backward and forced them to punt. Brady took over, leading New England down the field for a 1-yard White touchdown run and a 2-point conversion that tied the game.

At that point, the Falcons defense appeared cooked.

"We knew we had exhausted their defense," White says. "I'm pretty sure we had 100 plays on offense; obviously we were pretty tired, too. And they were really showing their tiredness on their faces. We knew at that point we had them."

Brady marched the Patriots 75 yards in eight plays, capped by White's third TD of the game. The Falcons' offense never got on the field, which Ryan notes when saying, "When you're standing there watching on the sidelines, it's tough emotionally."

As for White, he spent time before the final play assuming he wasn't going in. He figured if it was a run play, it was for LeGarrette Blount. Then he heard his name.

"I was thinking we were going to call a run play and LeGarrette was coming in," White recalls. "And then when I got subbed back in, I was thinking, 'If they give me the ball here, try to score and end it.' I remember getting the toss; it wasn't blocked perfectly. Guys were still trying to fight to finish their blocks.

But I broke one tackle and ... could see the end zone crease. In my mind, I thought I scored a lot more clearly than what it looked like on TV. But it was a pretty close call."

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Driven by her faith and inspired by her city, Gayle Benson has proven a natural fit to lead the Saints.

BY CHRIS BYNUM

HOW DID AN INTERIOR DESIGNER WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF FOOTBALL BECOME THE OWNER OF A SUPER BOWL-WINNING NFL TEAM?

What sounds like shades of "Ted Lasso" reads more like a romance novel. Or perhaps, in a city known for its faith-based traditions, a manifestation of how God works in mysterious ways.

Gayle Benson, 77, is a devout Catholic who regularly serves as a lector at St. Louis Cathedral, the historic church on the French Quarter's Jackson Square. It was here in 2004 that she caught the eye of Tom Benson, owner of the NFL's Saints. The monsignor mentioned to Gayle Marie LaJaunie that the widower wanted to take her to a VooDoo game, the local Arena Football League team Tom Benson also owned at the time.

"I don't do football," was her reply.

Today Gayle Marie LaJaunie is Gayle Benson, the first woman to own both an NFL and an NBA team: the Saints and the New Orleans Pelicans.

On Oct. 29, 2004, four months after Tom Benson convinced LaJaunie to go with him to a football game, the two were married

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Born and raised in New Orleans, Gayle Benson has continued her devotion to the city as owner of the Saints.

during the Saints' bye week. As his fiancée, LaJaunie learned the rules and regulations of football when Benson met daily with Saints general manager Mickey Loomis.

"Mickey would turn on games with the sound off and explain everything to me," she says.

Soon Gayle Benson was all about football, taking to the sidelines during home games to slip her hand through her husband's arm as he did the "Benson Boogie" while twirling a black and gold second-line umbrella. This was his boisterous dance when his team was winning.

"Tom, it looks like we are bragging," she told him. Humility was more her style. A few years later, the Benson Boogie was no more.

"Gayle is gentle and always gracious," says close friend Msgr. Kenneth Hedrick, describing her as "a person whose deep faith guides her in everything she does in business and how she treats others."

Benson was credited with bringing out her husband's softer side, helping him channel his generosity into philanthropic projects to benefit their hometown and the Gulf South region.

Both Gayle and Tom Benson had humble beginnings, each gravitating toward the independence of owning a business. Gayle Benson oversaw a staff of 40 as a manager for a New York-based jewelry business, opened her own design business, and renovated Uptown New Orleans properties. Tom Benson was a hard-working car salesman who became a self-made billionaire with the acquisition of auto dealerships, banks, and real estate.

In 1985, he purchased the New Orleans Saints, so named because the NFL awarded its 16th franchise to New Orleans on Nov. 1, 1966 — All-Saints Day. Benson purchased the NBA's Hornets basketball team in 2012, renaming the team the Pelicans after Louisiana's state bird.

When Tom Benson died on March 15, 2018, at the age of 90, his wife of 14 years stood in line for days to shake the hand of each person who came to pay respects — from close friends, political officials, and business associates to Saints fans. That personal touch is how Gayle Benson does business and how she lives life. She still sends hand-written notes daily to acknowledge the achievements of others in the community.

Though one of 10 female owners in the NFL, Benson still sees herself in partnership with her husband.

"I never speak of him in the past tense," says Gayle, whose office at the state-of-the-art Ochsner Sports Performance Center is filled with awards, photographs, and mementos of Tom Benson.

"Gayle was born to do what she is doing — business. Whether running her own interior design company or an NFL team, she is most happy being productive," says Angela Hill, a local TV anchor for 38 years and friend of Benson since 1977. "She and Tom were perfect for each other because 'business' was always their fun."

They shared in many of the Saints' golden moments, none bigger than winning Super Bowl XLIV, and that success has carried on following Tom's death. In Gayle's first six seasons of ownership, the team posted five winning campaigns, won three consecutive NFC South titles (2018-20), and reached the 2018 conference championship game.

"Gayle Benson has changed the image and perception of the Saints organization," says Jeff Duncan, a sports reporter who has covered the team for 25 years. "During her tenure, the organization has become much more community oriented and civic minded. Thanks to her dedication to her hometown, the Saints are viewed as a local business rather than an NFL operation, and that's hugely important in New Orleans."

Football as an international sport is also on her radar. Last year, the Saints were the first club to be granted international marketing rights in France as part of the NFL's Global Markets Program. Gayle sees that opportunity as another avenue not only to promote NFL football, but also New Orleans and Louisiana.

"Gayle Benson's commitment to her faith, family, staff, players, and the people of New Orleans and the Gulf South region is second to none," says NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. "In business, philanthropy, and football, Gayle is a leader, always advocating for the Saints and her native city.

"The NFL's return to New Orleans for Super Bowl LIX was made possible by Gayle's vision and action — from a beautifully renovated Caesars Superdome to a city that is embarking on a new era of economic growth and stability."

That five-year, $560 million makeover of the Superdome, of which Benson contributed $180 million, is fan-friendly, moving ticket-holders more efficiently to their seats, providing concessions with wider corridors, adding strategically placed escalators, and even giving those with corner seats a better view of the field.

"With this year's game, New Orleans shares the distinction of hosting the Super Bowl more often than any other city — the Benson effect — a tribute to Gayle and her husband, Tom, and the resilience of the Big Easy," adds Goodell, marking

Gayle Benson (left) stands with Ochsner Health CEO Pete November following the announcement that the Louisiana-based children's hospital would be getting a new home, The Gayle and Tom Benson Ochsner Children's Hospital. The five-story facility is expected to open in 2027.

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Gayle and Tom Benson always showed their appreciation for Saints fans' support, whether at a training camp practice (above) or prior to a game at the Superdome (right).
BOTTOM RIGHT: Drew Brees poses with his family and Gayle Benson (third from right) after being announced as an inductee into the Saints Hall of Fame.

the city's 11th Super Bowl, tied with Miami for the most all time.

The last Super Bowl played in New Orleans, in 2013, generated $480 million in economic impact. The financial success of both the Saints and the Pelicans results in millions of dollars going toward the city's financial aid with in-kind donations, appearances for various charities, and donations of goods and services. That generosity was on full display when New Orleans faced major challenges back-to-back with the COVID pandemic and Hurricane Ida. Benson donated over $2 million, partnering with the Greater New Orleans Foundation, to lessen the burden on citizens.

This wasn't the city's first demonstration of resilience. When the Superdome was destroyed, along with much of the city, by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Saints fans feared losing their team. But the Saints returned a year later to their dome home, beating the Falcons in their first game back, claiming the NFC South title, and reaching their first NFC Championship Game. The Saints became Super Bowl champions following the 2009 season.

Both Tom and Gayle Benson have received countless awards for their generous contributions in the realms of healthcare, social services, disaster aid, and athletic programs. In 2020, Gayle formed the Social Justice Leadership Alliance, helmed by players and executives in both her franchises, to advocate for issues effecting change in minority communities.

In addition to her great generosity, "I believe we have the best owner in professional sports," says Loomis, now the Saints' executive vice-president and general manager. "We're allowed to succeed or fail based on the job that we do, and that's all we can ask for as an executive or coach in our league.

"What makes her a great owner is that she understands how difficult it is to win in the NFL. She's patient, which is hard to be in professional sports, but at the same time she has the expectation to win and provides us every resource necessary with the roster, the environment, and everything within our operation in order to win."

Win or lose, the team, the staff, and the fans are family to Benson.

"It is all about the people because you can't do it by yourself," she says.

The Saints owner, who has no heirs, has a plan to make her gratitude perpetual. Benson's spirit of giving will live long after her, with the Gayle and Tom Benson Charitable Foundation providing annual funds to the city after the Saints are sold. She wraps that gift with a promise that the Saints will stay in New Orleans.

New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond once put it this way: "She certainly brings a blessing to our city, to our church, to our society."

Chris Bynum, a former reporter for The Times-Picayune New Orleans, *has a 50-year career as a fashion editor, entertainment editor, health and fitness writer, and feature writer covering two of New Orleans' previous Super Bowls.*

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One of the Super Bowl's most electric moments took place in Super Bowl XLVII at the Superdome when New Orleans native Jacoby Jones (12) of the Ravens brought back a kickoff 108 yards for a touchdown against the 49ers.

CITY

FROM FOOD TO FUN TO UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS ON THE FIELD, NEW ORLEANS CONTINUES TO POSITION ITSELF AS THE PERFECT HOST FOR THE NFL'S BIGGEST GAME.

BY JAMES O'BYRNE

Welcome to New Orleans, the greatest city in which to hold America's supreme sporting event.

Oh, don't expect anyone with an official title to say it. The Super Bowl is too big, the selection process too involved, the stakes way too high for anyone connected with the NFL to say out loud what many are thinking every time New Orleans hosts the game. Instead, they'll talk about how each host city has unique qualities, and how different places bring different magic to the Super Bowl equation.

Then they'll get that distant look in their eyes. And you just know they're thinking about the oysters Bienville at Pascal's Manale. Or the chicken andouille gumbo at Cochon. Or the turtle soup au sherry at Commander's Palace. Or that night they saw Trombone Shorty blow the roof off at Snug Harbor on Frenchmen Street. When they start talking about their memories of New Orleans Super Bowl days and nights, then you know.

"When New Orleans is picked to host a Super Bowl, I guarantee you there's a quiet party (at NFL headquarters) on Park Avenue in New York," says Doug Thornton, executive vice president for ASM Global, the company that runs the Caesars Superdome, along with stadiums and arenas around the world. "We have so much history together. They know the city as well as we do."

Super Bowl LIX is New Orleans' 11th as host. Only Miami has had as many. And no stadium has hosted more Super Bowls than the Superdome, a venerated facility that celebrates its 50th year for this, the eighth world championship under the giant white bubble, the insides of which have been upgraded dramatically.

There's no question that the Super Bowl has changed New Orleans. What's less obvious is how much New Orleans has changed the Super Bowl.

"The Super Bowl and the city have grown up together," says Jim Steeg, the NFL's Super Bowl guru for 25 years and who is widely credited as the father of the modern Super Bowl. "We've made a lot of history in New Orleans."

This is, after all, where Tom Brady won his first Super Bowl. And where Joe Montana won his last. It's where Desmond Howard set a record with a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in Super Bowl XXXI, sealing the Packers' win over the Patriots. And where New Orleans' own Jacoby Jones topped that with a 108-yard kickoff return to help his Baltimore Ravens defeat San Francisco in Super Bowl XLVII.

This is where Chicago Bears QB Jim McMahon mooned a helicopter film crew, and where Bears

Visitors agree that New Orleans has a special charm, from the streetcars on St. Charles Avenue (top) to the music, restaurants, and shops throughout the city (bottom right). Super Bowl LIX (bottom left) will be the 11th played in New Orleans, matching Miami as the city to host the game most often.

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defensive lineman William "Refrigerator" Perry took a handoff and steamrolled his way over the goal line and into Super Bowl mythology.

New Orleans is also where the country came together at the Super Bowl to honor the Iran hostages, five days after their release in 1981. And it's where the country reiterated its resolve, and grieved its dead, in the first Super Bowl after September 11, 2001, which was also the first time a Super Bowl was a National Special Security Event (NSSE), a designation that puts the Secret Service in charge of keeping the game safe.

Marc Morial, the mayor of New Orleans for that February 3, 2002, Super Bowl, remembers well the extraordinary group effort it took to put on the game. It was pushed back a week because the NFL canceled the weekend of games after the terrorist attacks. That shift created a multitude of conflicts and problems that had to be overcome.

And, of course, there was security. Yet somehow, everybody pulled together and made it happen, and the game went off without a hitch. Almost everyone involved in planning for the 2002 Super Bowl under such conditions lists it as their proudest achievement.

"There's been a symbiotic relationship between the city and the game that goes back more than 50 years," Morial says. "We know the league. The league knows us. When you have those relationships and you have that trust, anything is possible."

Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) salutes the crowd during the team's victory parade through downtown New Orleans following the win over the Colts in Super Bowl XLIV.

What makes New Orleans the ideal host? First, it's probably the nation's most compact and walkable venue. It's barely a mile from the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, home of the media center and the NFL's Super Bowl Experience, to the 50-yard line of the Superdome. It's 15 minutes to walk from the Dome to the French Quarter. And within that Golden Triangle, there are more than 30,000 quality hotel rooms.

"Virtually every city that has ever gotten a Super Bowl wants a French Quarter," Steeg says. "They want Bourbon Street. They want a walkable city with a downtown stadium. They expend a tremendous amount of money and energy to create some of what New Orleans already has. But you can't manufacture authenticity."

Second, there's the celebration. Steeg once famously called the Super Bowl "a four-hour excuse for a four-day party." That's never been more true than today, as well-heeled celebrities show up in force and global corporations use the week to reward themselves and their clients with non-stop parties and entertainment. You have to bring the fun ... and bring it hard.

To which New Orleans says, "Yeah, we got this."

"The Super Bowl is a celebration of football, but it's also a celebration of America," says Frank Supovitz, who was the NFL's senior vice president of events for nine years. "And when you think celebration, you think New Orleans. The city knows how to celebrate

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better than anyone, and, more importantly, it knows how to welcome guests into that party. That's what makes it special."

Today, a city bidding for the Super Bowl must explain how it is going to keep tens of thousands of visitors entertained in amped-up fashion for four days — in effect, how they're going to be like New Orleans. For Super Bowl XVI, Detroit famously built a temporary "Bourbon Street North." Problem was, it was 5 below zero on Bourbon Street North. With sleet.

And finally, there is the culture.

"There is no other place on earth even remotely like New Orleans," Anthony Bourdain, the world-renowned chef and travel documentarian, once said. "Don't even try to compare it with anywhere else."

"A lot has changed, and it's much more competitive to get a Super Bowl now," says Jay Cicero, head of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, which essentially serves as the built-in full-time staff every time the city hosts the game. "But in the end, New Orleans is just the most fun place to have the game. Among the NFL staff, you can feel the excitement every time."

Of course, the other huge factor that has cemented the NFL's partnership with New Orleans is the Caesars Superdome. In an era where NFL cities with new stadiums routinely get Super Bowls, New Orleans is winning bids with a stadium that opened in 1975. But there's much more to the story.

"The stadium was iconic when it was first built," says Marcus Brown, the chairman of the New Orleans Host Committee and executive vice president and general counsel for Entergy Corp. "And it's still iconic today. It's not the stadium I grew up with. It's better. It's a very special place."

The Superdome has changed with the times, and that's no accident, Dome chief Thornton explains.

"When it was built, it was intended to be the biggest of its kind in the world," he says. "It set the template for modern stadiums. It's built downtown. It was twice as large as any other stadium of its era. It's built with suites. And as the Super Bowl grew, the Superdome grew with it."

By making it twice as big as anything of its time, the visionaries who built the Superdome knew it could grow and change — and outlast its domed contemporaries — most of which have been torn down. It has undergone major renovations at least three times. The first was in the 1990s, but the second was unplanned, coming after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, a catastrophe that almost destroyed the stadium but unquestionably saved the lives of 30,000 people with nowhere else to go.

CLOCKWISE FROM BELOW LEFT: A U.S. flag that survived the Sept. 11, 2001, World Trade Center attack is raised during pregame ceremonies for Super Bowl XXXVI at the Superdome. A soldier stands guard outside the stadium as part of heightened security for the game. The rock band U2 performed the halftime show, which included a scrolling list of those killed in the terrorist attacks.

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N.O.teworthy Moments

New Orleans has provided us with some of the most unusual and iconic occurrences in Super Bowl history. Here's a sampling:

SUPER BOWL IV · JAN. 11, 1970 · CHIEFS 23, VIKINGS 7

"Just keep matriculating the ball down the field, boys." NFL Films paid future Hall of Fame coach Hank Stram $500 to wear a microphone during the final game in AFL history before the league merger. Stram, the first coach ever miked up for a Super Bowl, was a natural star. The resulting video, one of the most popular in NFL Films history, is still widely played today.

SUPER BOWL XII · JAN. 15, 1978 · COWBOYS 27, BRONCOS 10

This was the first Super Bowl played indoors and the first played in prime time. That provided the perfect backdrop for Dallas' vaunted Doomsday Defense, which forced eight turnovers. It's the only time the Super Bowl MVP Award has been shared, by Cowboys defensive tackle Randy White and defensive end Harvey Martin.

SUPER BOWL XX · JAN. 26, 1986 · BEARS 46, PATRIOTS 10

As a game, it was one-sided. As a spectacle, it was unrivaled. First came the Bears' music video, "The Super Bowl Shuffle," which climbed the charts. Then Bears QB Jim McMahon mooned a helicopter filming practice. And huge defensive lineman William "Refrigerator" Perry continued his part-time job as fullback in short-yardage situations. His third-quarter steamroller touchdown for the Bears was unforgettable.

SUPER BOWL XXXVI · FEB. 3, 2002 · PATRIOTS 20, RAMS 17

Played in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, the game stirred patriotic emotions. It also delivered on the field. Though he was facing a heavily favored Rams team, first-year starter Tom Brady demonstrated a knack for rising to the occasion that came to define his career. The game was tied when the Patriots took possession with 1:30 left and no timeouts, but Brady calmly led a drive that ended with Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard last-second field goal.

SUPER BOWL XLVII · FEB. 3, 2013 · RAVENS 34, 49ERS 31

Originally dubbed the "Harbowl" because of head coach-brothers John Harbaugh of Baltimore and Jim Harbaugh of San Francisco, the game is probably best remembered for the third-quarter power outage. Jacoby Jones' kickoff-return TD to open the second half put the Ravens ahead, 28-6, but San Francisco rallied and had a chance to win it in the final minutes before Baltimore's defense held on.

William "Refrigerator" Perry (72) celebrates following his touchdown run in the Bears' win over the Patriots in Super Bowl XX at the Superdome.

Normally, a stadium has a 30-year life span, says Thornton, who rode out Hurricane Katrina in the stadium in 2005 and spent five days afterward trying to get people to safety.

"But we updated it in the '90s and restored it top to bottom after 2005. And now we've redone it again to the tune of half a billion dollars," he says. "When you've been here as long as I have, you start to see the stadium as kind of taking on human characteristics. And I look at it as having thrown itself in the path of the storm to save so many lives. And then us repaying that sacrifice by bringing it back to life."

It's a building that means a lot to New Orleans. In many ways, its history is the city's history. Resilience. Adaptability. Perseverance. Triumph. Not unlike a Super Bowl season.

If you ask New Orleans Saints fans what is their most cherished Saints moment, many will say it was the Super Bowl season in 2009. But just as many will point to September 25, 2006, when the Superdome reopened after the storm. U2 and Green Day played, the Atlanta Falcons went three-and-out on their first drive, and Steve Gleason blasted in and blocked Atlanta's punt, which was recovered for a Saints touchdown, and a city full of people who had been brought to their knees got back up again and let out a primal scream of relief that no one will ever forget.

"We thought maybe Katrina would be our undoing," says Michael Hecht, a member of the Host Committee for this year's game and president of Greater New Orleans Inc., which promotes regional economic development. "The moment we realized that the Saints would come back, and the city would come back, and the Super Bowl would come back, was when Steve Gleason blocked that punt. By the time the Super Bowl came back here in 2013, we were ready to show the world what faith and teamwork could accomplish."

Football, fantastic food, and funky nights on Bourbon Street are compelling parts of the Super Bowl experience in New Orleans. But strangely, when you ask those who have dedicated their lives to shepherding this uniquely American spectacle what they love most about coming to New Orleans for a Super Bowl, they don't talk about any of that.

"It's not any particular game moment for me," Steeg says. "It's about the people. It's sitting on the floor of a hotel room eating BBQ shrimp with the mayor of the city and the head of the Dome and trying to solve big problems together. It's walking into Pascal's Manale without a reservation and knowing the owner for so long that he gives you a hug. It's the halftime guys you see every time. It's the forklift guys in the Dome.

"When I think about all the Super Bowls I spent in New Orleans, I don't think about football. I just remember some of the greatest people I've ever met."

James O'Byrne is a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and editor who worked in New Orleans for 37 years.

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NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle (left) presents the Lombardi Trophy to Steelers owner Art Rooney after the team's win over the Vikings in Super Bowl IX. It marked the first of four Super Bowl titles Pittsburgh would win over a six-year span.

GOLDEN RULE

Chuck Noll lifted the long-struggling Pittsburgh Steelers to new heights after being named head coach in 1969. Only three men — Noll (1969-91), Bill Cowher (1992-2006), and Mike Tomlin (2007-present) — have coached the team over the past 56 seasons while combining to win six Super Bowl titles.

Terry Bradshaw quarterbacked the Steelers to their first four Super Bowl championships and was twice selected the game's MVP.

BY TOM PELISSERO

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There are no secrets to building an NFL dynasty, but as the Steelers and others have proven, there is a system.

Terry Bradshaw (right) poses with his father, William (left), and Steelers head coach Chuck Noll after being selected first overall in the 1970 NFL Draft. Bradshaw, who starred at Louisiana Tech, spent 14 seasons with the Steelers and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1989.

FAR LEFT: A third Lombardi Trophy headed to Pittsburgh following the team's 35-31 triumph over the Cowboys in Super Bowl XIII.
LEFT: Franco Harris (32) was the catalyst behind the Steelers' powerful ground game of the 1970s. His 354 rushing yards in four Super Bowls remains an all-time record.

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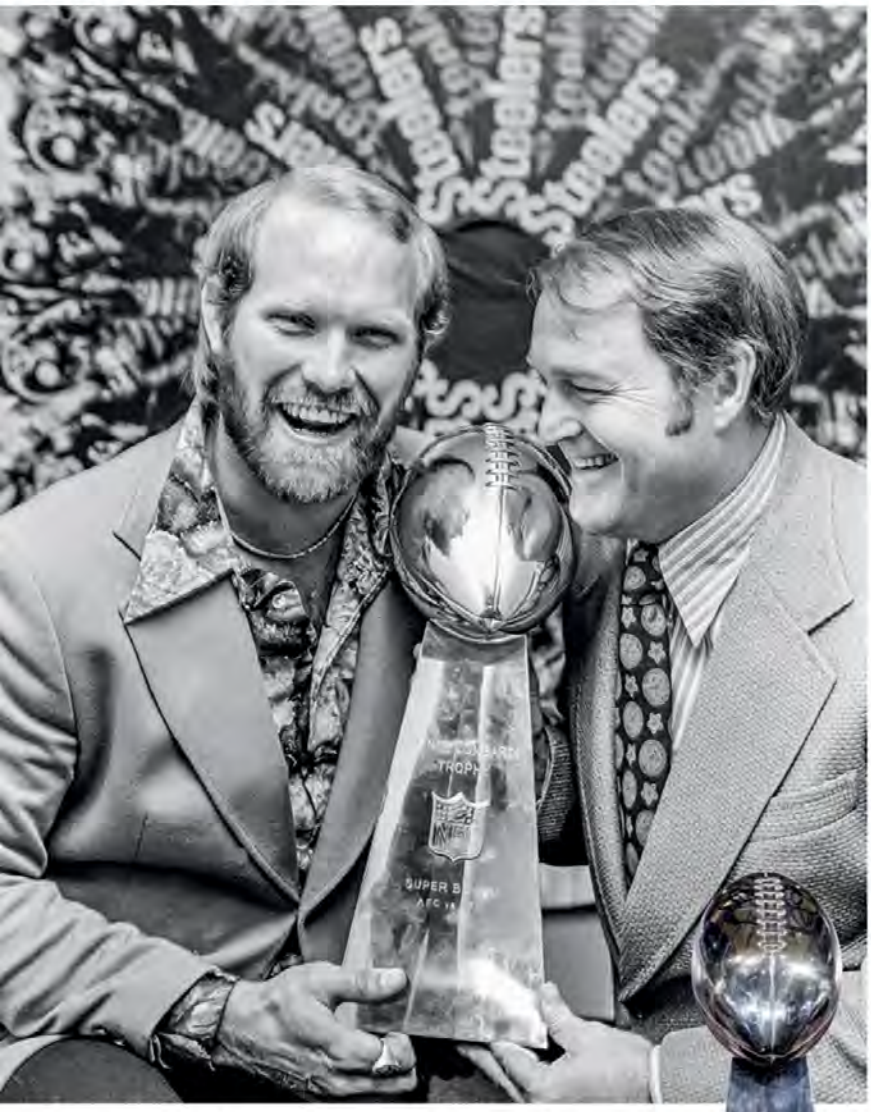

Coach Bill Walsh turned around the 49ers' fortunes, guiding the team to three Super Bowl championships during the 1980s. That success carried over to the '90s and two more titles after defensive coordinator George Seifert was named head coach.

It was the summer before the 1974 season, and Art Rooney II was more confident than he'd ever been that the Pittsburgh Steelers were going to win a championship.

Never mind that the Steelers had zero titles and only nine winning seasons in their first 41 seasons of existence. Rooney — then 22 years old and watching his grandfather, "The Chief" Art Rooney, and father, Dan, run the franchise — had seen the team transform since Chuck Noll arrived as head coach, ascending from 1-13 in 1969 to back-to-back playoff appearances.

TOP LEFT: Quarterback Terry Bradshaw and coach Chuck Noll pose with the Lombardi Trophy following the team's parade through Pittsburgh celebrating their Super Bowl IX win. ABOVE: The Steelers added a second trophy a year later by defeating Dallas in Super Bowl X.

The young Rooney was right: Pittsburgh went 10-3-1, then beat the Buffalo Bills and Oakland Raiders on the road to Super Bowl IX, where a 16-6 triumph over the Minnesota Vikings delivered what ended up being the franchise's first of four championships in a six-year span.

"The early history of the Steelers was not pretty," acknowledges Rooney, who years later would follow in his father and grandfather's footsteps as team owner and president. "And, so, to see them finally have that success, and particularly seeing my grandfather holding the Lombardi Trophy for the first time and receiving the game ball in that locker room — just some unforgettable memories and something I'll always cherish.

"I was around the team prior to [Noll], worked in different roles as a ball boy and things like that as a young kid. Chuck just set a different tone. And the talent level of some of those guys who we had coming into the organization, they were on a different level. Joe Greene was a difference-maker and Terry (Bradshaw) was a difference-maker. I can go down the list. It was just a special group of guys, both in terms of their attitudes about winning and their talent."

There have been a handful of dynasties in the Super Bowl era, and their stories are all similar: an elite coach transforming a culture, a Hall of Fame-caliber quarterback, some bold personnel moves, and a front office that, from ownership down, understands what it takes to consistently compete with the NFL's best.

The San Francisco 49ers had that formula during their run starting in 1981, when they went 13-3 in

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Joe Montana's first full season as starting quarterback on the way to a 26-21 win over the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl XVI, the first of five championships across 14 years — including three under legendary head coach Bill Walsh.

"You start with ownership that has a real passion for winning," explains Carmen Policy, who joined the franchise in 1981 as vice president and later served as president and CEO. "And from the moment Eddie DeBartolo took control of the 49ers, his whole approach was to build the best organization in all of sports. Put it together in a way that operates kind of like their construction company did, which was get the job done, get it done right, but operate like a family instead of like all the other businesses, where the bottom line is based upon a form of currency known as finance. His currency was winning."

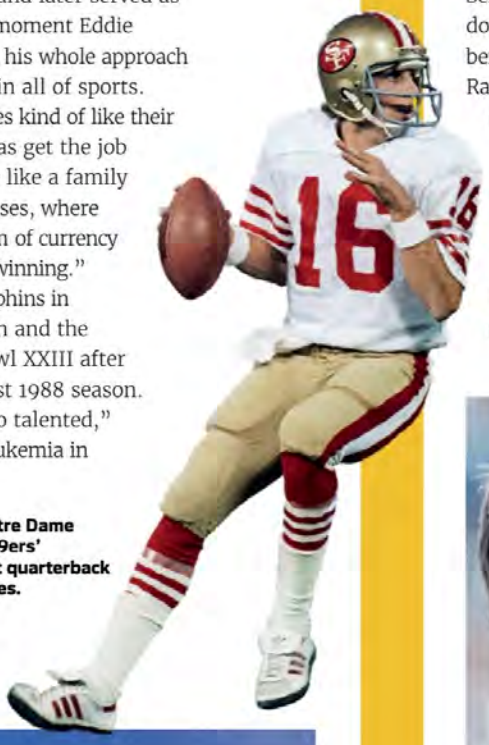
The 49ers defeated the Miami Dolphins in Super Bowl XIX after the 1984 season and the Bengals a second time in Super Bowl XXIII after salvaging what appeared to be a lost 1988 season.

"He was so bright, and he was so talented," Policy says of Walsh, who died of leukemia in 2007. "Everybody knows what impact he had on the NFL, both the game and some of the concepts. He was a social scientist, too. He was always thinking, 'What do we do to be better in terms of how we approach the human element?'"

When Walsh stepped down after that third Super Bowl win, the 49ers promoted defensive coordinator George Seifert — and promptly put together one of the most dominant seasons in NFL history, going 14-2 in 1989 before dismantling the Vikings (41-13) and Los Angeles Rams (30-3) in the NFC playoffs and the Denver Broncos (55-10) in Super Bowl XXIV.

Meanwhile, some 1,700 miles to the southeast, there was another dynasty taking root.

In 1989, Jerry Jones bought the Dallas Cowboys and hired head coach Jimmy Johnson, who in October of his first season pulled off one of the biggest trades in NFL history. The deal sent star running back Herschel Walker to the Vikings for an



RIGHT: A third-round draft pick out of Notre Dame in 1979, Joe Montana flourished in the 49ers' West Coast Offense and became the first quarterback to win Super Bowl MVP honors three times. BELOW: Montana (center), 49ers coach Bill Walsh (left), and team owner Edward DeBartolo Jr. are pictured with the Lombardi Trophy after the team's victory over Miami in Super Bowl XIX.

Jimmy Johnson quickly rebuilt the Cowboys after being hired as the team's head coach in 1989. A series of smart trades along with solid drafting lifted Dallas to consecutive Super Bowl titles following the 1993 and 1994 seasons.

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enormous trade package to reshape a roster that would go 1-15 that season, including 0-11 with rookie No. 1 overall pick Troy Aikman starting at quarterback.

In what Johnson would soon brag about as "The Great Train Robbery," the Cowboys initially acquired three draft picks and five players, whom Johnson swiftly released and/or traded to get even more picks under conditions of the deal. Dallas used the first of those picks (No. 17 overall in 1990) to draft Walker's replacement, Emmitt Smith, who, along with Aikman and receiver Michael Irvin, formed the "Triplets" that won three Super Bowls in a four-year span.

"We got some players [as a result of that trade] and we struggled. But those players got better and better and better," Johnson said prior to his Cowboys Ring of Honor induction in 2023. "We were able to accomplish something that most people didn't think that we could ever accomplish. We did it in a short amount of time."

Bill Belichick (left) is welcomed by Patriots owner Robert Kraft after being named the team's head coach in January 2000. Belichick brought with him a record of success, having served as the defensive coordinator for the Giants when they captured Super Bowls XXI and XXV. Within two years, he brought a Super Bowl championship to New England.

From the 1992 through 1995 seasons, the Cowboys went 59-16 (including playoffs), beating the Buffalo Bills for the Lombardi Trophy in Super Bowls XXVII and XXVIII. In a bombshell move, Johnson and Jones agreed to part ways after the second title. Two years later, Johnson's replacement, Barry Switzer, guided Dallas to another championship, this time with a victory over the Steelers in Super Bowl XXX.

Only one team stopped the Cowboys from making it four in a row: The remodeled 49ers beat Dallas in the January 1995 NFC Championship Game with newcomer Deion Sanders starring on defense and Steve Young at quarterback in place of Montana, who'd been traded to Kansas City in the twilight of his legendary career. Two weeks later, San Francisco routed the San Diego Chargers in Super Bowl XXIX.

"It's got to be a team. If you let talented personnel make the game about them, it's just not going to work," Policy says. "Joe (Montana) was a master at making his teammates feel that we're in this together. And as serious a person as Steve was, they sensed a certain spirituality in him that added elements of respect and appreciation for him. Those leadership qualities that were obviously displayed on the field carried over in almost everything they did in connection with their teammates and in connection with the team."

The New England Patriots were the next team to go on that type of run, only they did it twice. Behind the brilliance of head coach Bill Belichick and quarterback

TOP: Cowboys owner Jerry Jones (left) and coach Jimmy Johnson celebrate the team's Super Bowl XXVII victory over Buffalo, marking Dallas' third title in franchise history and first in 15 seasons.
ABOVE LEFT: Johnson (right) talks with running back Emmitt Smith along the sidelines during the Cowboys' Super Bowl XXVIII win over Buffalo. Smith rushed for 132 yards and a pair of touchdowns on his way to earning the Rozelle Trophy as the game's Most Valuable Player.
ABOVE RIGHT: Troy Aikman was selected by the Cowboys with the first overall pick in the 1989 NFL Draft. His 11-year NFL career included three Super Bowl championships, the Super Bowl XXVII MVP Award, and six Pro Bowl selections.

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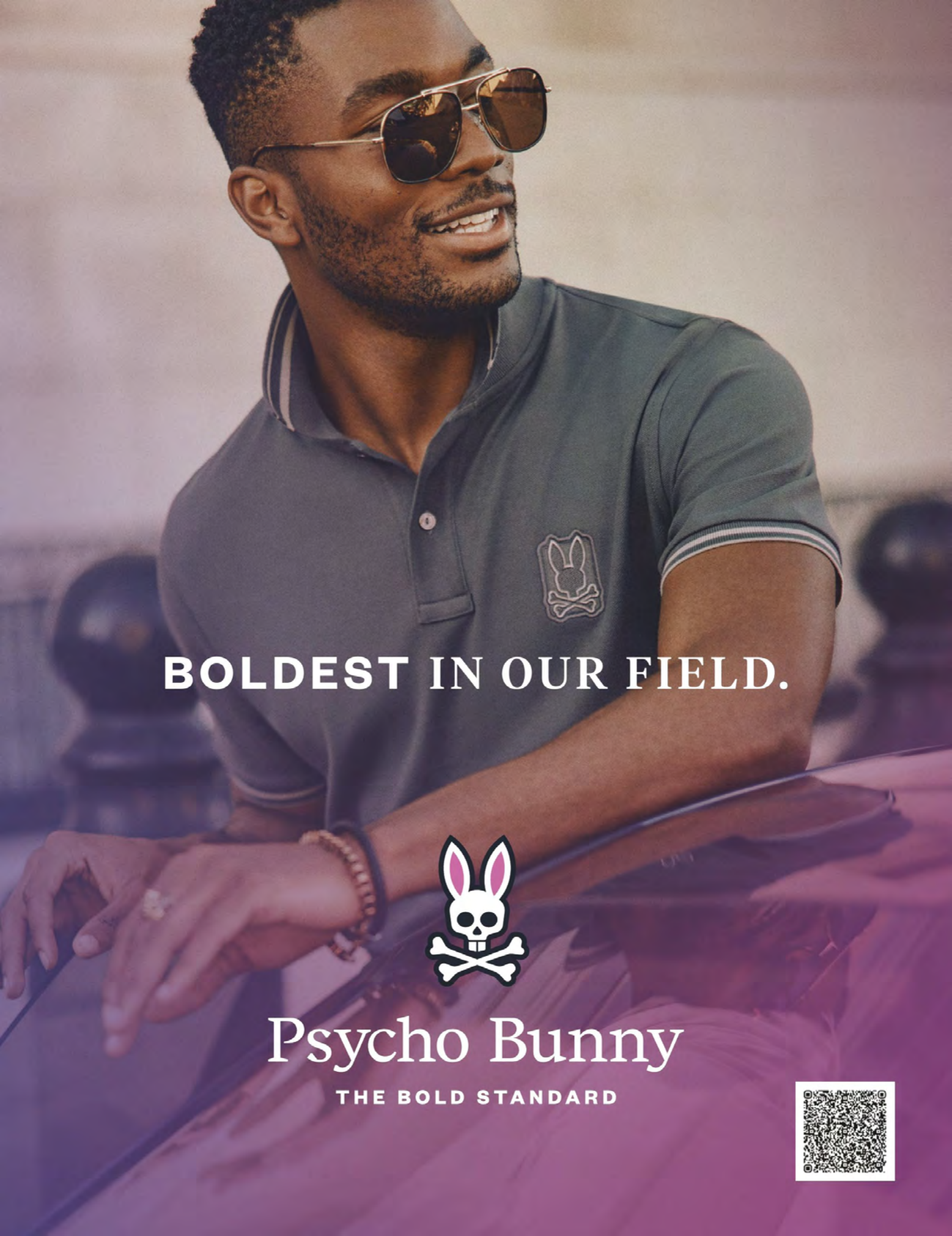
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THE BOLD STANDARD

Behind the combination of quarterback Tom Brady (left) and coach Bill Belichick, the Patriots dominated the NFL for nearly two decades, winning six Super Bowl crowns and reaching the league's title game nine times overall.

Tom Brady, New England won three Super Bowls in four years from 2001 to 2004 and three more after the 2014, 2016, and 2018 seasons. Over the two decades the duo was together, the Patriots reached nine Super Bowls and 13 AFC championship games.

It remains an unparalleled stretch of dominance in the modern game under the watch of owner Robert Kraft, a longtime Patriots season ticket-holder who later bought the team and acquired Belichick in a trade with the rival New York Jets in 2000. Three months later, Belichick drafted Brady 199th overall.

"You fostered a culture of excellence and integrity that has impacted an entire region. I love you," Brady said to Kraft at his Patriots Hall of Fame induction last summer. "To Coach Belichick: Thank you for your tireless commitment to develop and push me to my best. It wasn't me. It wasn't you. It was us. Our hard work, our love of the game, and the way we worked for one another — that's what it was all about."

Andy Reid, Patrick Mahomes, and the Kansas City Chiefs are the latest team vying for dynasty status, and arguably have achieved it already. They advanced to at least the AFC Championship Game in each of Mahomes' first six seasons as the starting quarterback, won the franchise's first Super Bowl title in 50 years by rallying past the 49ers in Super Bowl LIV, and entered the 2024 season with designs on the NFL's first "three-peat" after defeating the Philadelphia Eagles and 49ers (again), respectively, in the past two Super Bowls.

TOP RIGHT: The NFL's latest dynasty has taken root in Kansas City, where QB Patrick Mahomes won three Super Bowl championships in his first six seasons as a starter.
ABOVE: The architect of the Chiefs' run is coach Andy Reid, the only active coach to lead a team to multiple Super Bowl wins.

The only QB to beat Mahomes in a Super Bowl? It was Brady, who left the Patriots for Tampa Bay in 2020 and won his seventh ring with a 31-9 victory over the Chiefs in Super Bowl LV.

Little did the Rooneys know that the Steelers' first Super Bowl win 50 years ago was the start of their dynasty — one that has echoed in Pittsburgh for decades since. The Steelers defeated the Cowboys the following year in Super Bowl X. Then, after playoff losses the next two years, they went back-to-back again, defeating the Cowboys in Super Bowl XIII and the Rams in Super Bowl XIV.

Pittsburgh has added two more Lombardi Trophies to its case in the 2000s, defeating the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL and the Arizona Cardinals three years later in Super Bowl XLIII. Amazingly, they've had only three head coaches in that span: Noll (1969-1991), Bill Cowher (1992-2006), and Mike Tomlin, who signed a contract extension before the 2024 season, his 18th at the helm.

"I wouldn't describe anything as a secret (to NFL success), that's for sure," Rooney says. "I think it's more, 'Stay the course and surround yourself with the best people you can get,' and then as long as you keep believing in each other, then you stick with it. Understand that you're going to have ups and downs — and be ready to take advantage when the up years come."

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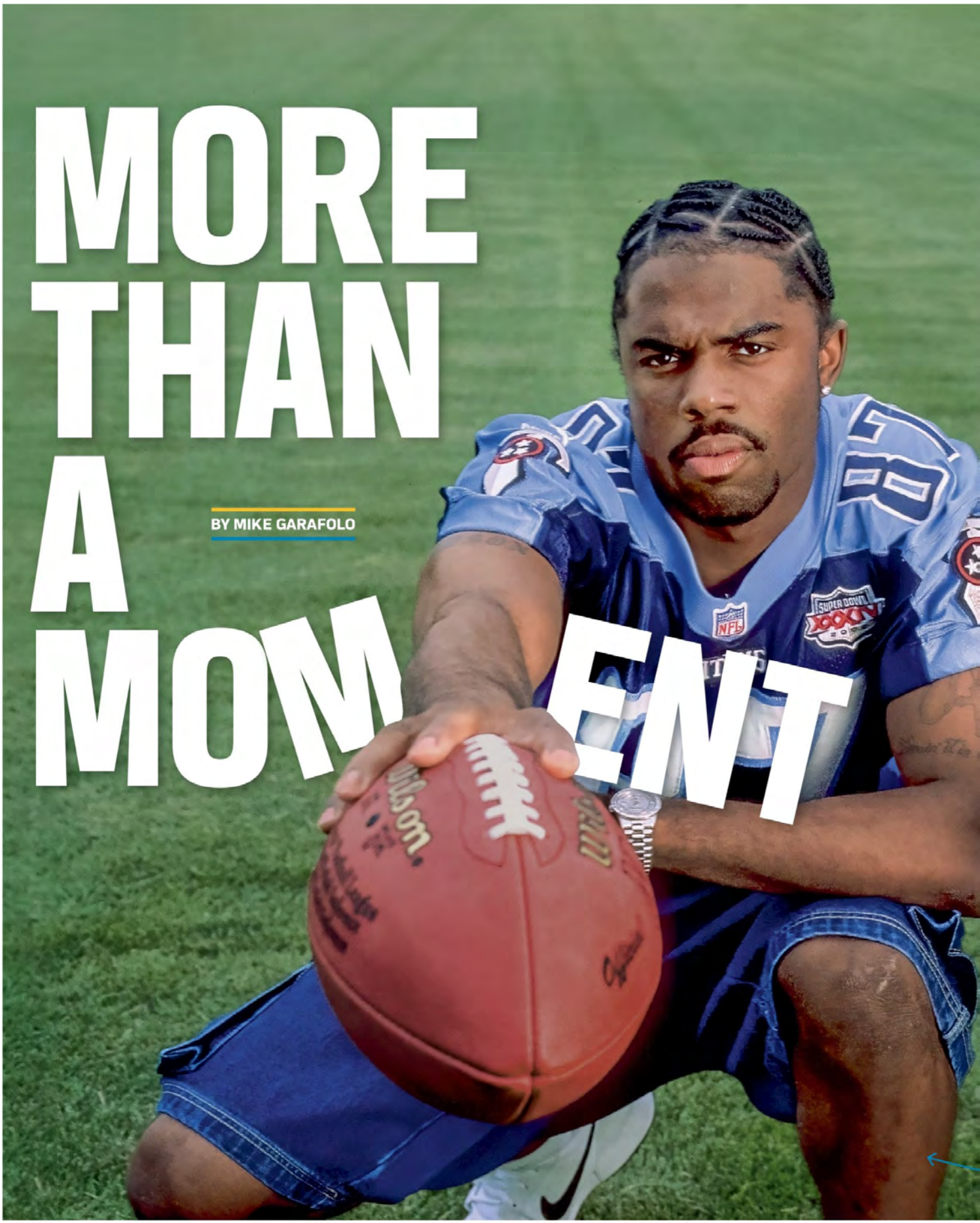

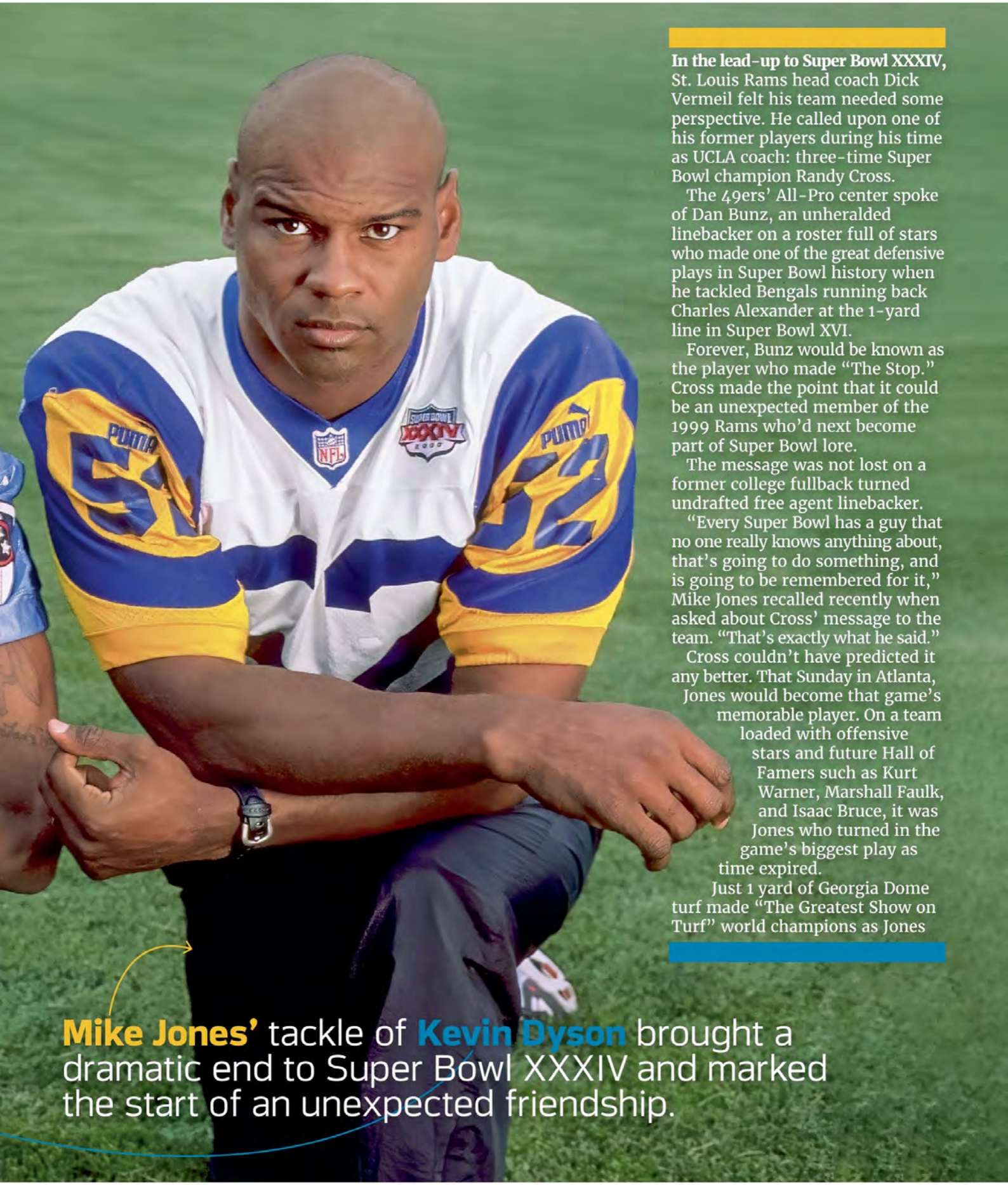

Mike Jones' tackle of **Kevin Dyson** brought a dramatic end to Super Bowl XXXIV and marked the start of an unexpected friendship.

In the lead-up to Super Bowl XXXIV, St. Louis Rams head coach Dick Vermeil felt his team needed some perspective. He called upon one of his former players during his time as UCLA coach: three-time Super Bowl champion Randy Cross.

The 49ers' All-Pro center spoke of Dan Bunz, an unheralded linebacker on a roster full of stars who made one of the great defensive plays in Super Bowl history when he tackled Bengals running back Charles Alexander at the 1-yard line in Super Bowl XVI.

Forever, Bunz would be known as the player who made "The Stop." Cross made the point that it could be an unexpected member of the 1999 Rams who'd next become part of Super Bowl lore.

The message was not lost on a former college fullback turned undrafted free agent linebacker.

"Every Super Bowl has a guy that no one really knows anything about, that's going to do something, and is going to be remembered for it," Mike Jones recalled recently when asked about Cross' message to the team. "That's exactly what he said."

Cross couldn't have predicted it any better. That Sunday in Atlanta, Jones would become that game's memorable player. On a team loaded with offensive stars and future Hall of Famers such as Kurt Warner, Marshall Faulk, and Isaac Bruce, it was Jones who turned in the game's biggest play as time expired.

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dragged Tennessee Titans wide receiver Kevin Dyson to the ground while Dyson desperately reached the football toward the goal line.

Twenty-five years later, the impact of the game can still be felt. Hall of Fame legacies were stamped. Rams offensive coordinator Mike Martz's pass-first system ushered in a new philosophy on that side of the ball across the NFL.

And perhaps most poignantly, Jones and Dyson became lifelong friends — two men intertwined by a moment that was as exhilarating as it was unlikely for the players and teams involved.

During the 1998 season, Vermeil watched a former Arena League and NFL Europe quarterback run the Rams' scout-team offense each week as if it were his own. Instead of just giving a good enough look to prepare for the coming game, Warner was carving up the team's starting defense.

"I remember saying to myself, 'Darn it, either our defense is terrible or this kid can play,'" Vermeil recalls. "It befuddled you, so then you rationalize it and say, 'Well, he probably couldn't do it in a live game.'"

A season later, it was time to find out.

Quarterback Trent Green, who had signed a four-year, $17.8 million contract with the Rams as a free agent, tore his ACL in the preseason. Vermeil immediately threw his support behind the virtually unknown Warner, whose Hollywood script of a career took off with a 4,353-yard, 41-touchdown MVP season that led St. Louis to a 13-3 mark and a run to the Super Bowl.

One of the Rams' few blemishes was a 24-21 loss to the Titans, who also amassed 13 regular-season wins yet had to play on Wild Card Weekend because the Jacksonville Jaguars won the AFC South with a 14-2 mark.

Trailing the Buffalo Bills, 16-15, with 16 seconds remaining, Tennessee was on track for an unfathomable first-round exit when a miracle — The Music City Miracle, to be exact — saved them.

Fullback Lorenzo Neal fielded the short kickoff and handed the ball to Frank Wycheck, who then pivoted and threw back to Dyson. Down the left sideline Dyson ran for a season-saving touchdown.

It seemed destiny was on the Titans' side, which only made it more crushing a few weeks later when Dyson and Tennessee somehow came up 3 feet short.

"It's the dichotomy of those plays," Dyson recalled recently with a quarter-century's distance to provide perspective. "There's that dynamic and lessons where you have to take the good with the bad and grow through both circumstances."

The dramatic conclusion of Super Bowl XXXIV was set up by a second half that was just as thrilling.

Titans players, some of them rejuvenated by IVs in the locker room at halftime, erased a 16-0 deficit to tie the game with 2:12 remaining. The Rams answered right back one play later with Warner going deep to Bruce for a 73-yard touchdown.

It was up to Steve McNair, the third overall pick in 1995 out of I-AA Alcorn State, to orchestrate a game-tying drive. He did all he could with his arm and legs with multiple escape acts, including one on the game's penultimate play — a third-and-5 scramble in which he shrugged off two Rams defensive linemen and found Dyson for a 16-yard completion.

"We covered it as well as you can cover it," Jones says, "and he still makes a play."

Timeout Titans. Six seconds left. Last play of the game.

For as much as the 1999 Rams were known for their game-breaking offense, the defense would have to write the final chapter. It was a talented defense that doesn't get enough credit — St. Louis ranked fourth in points against and sixth in yards allowed — and had held the Buccaneers to six points two weeks earlier in a low-scoring NFC Championship Game.

Defensive coordinator Peter Giunta called Base 77

Titans wide receiver Kevin Dyson (87) reaches for the goal line in a desperate attempt to score a touchdown on the final play of Super Bowl XXXIV, only to be stopped short thanks to a textbook tackle by Rams linebacker Mike Jones.

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Moments after being denied a game-tying touchdown, Kevin Dyson ponders what might have been. The years since, however, have brought a new perspective and a friendship with Mike Jones, who tackled him on the play.

Blast. It was the Rams' go-to red zone coverage all year. He wanted Wycheck double covered. He trusted Jones, who was a good cover linebacker, to handle a wide receiver alone in space. He reminded the defensive tackles to stay in their lanes so McNair didn't have a clear path for a game-tying scramble.

At the snap, two defenders went with Wycheck. Dyson broke underneath and caught the ball in stride. Jones initially thought he was going to be able to deliver a big hit but then realized Dyson was moving faster than he expected.

In that moment, the former college fullback leaned on everything special teams coach Frank Gansz had taught him about tackling at the NFL level: aim for the ball carrier's near shoulder, wrap him up, and take him to the ground.

Jones did just that. Dyson desperately reached for the end zone with his right arm as he landed on his back, to no avail.

"There was a movie called *The Longest Yard*," play-by-play man Al Michaels said over a replay on the ABC broadcast. "There is your sequel."

Dyson's stretch to the goal line happened after he had hit the ground.

"I mean, it's close," Jones says, "but it's not as close as everybody thought it was."

As Super Bowl celebrations go, the Rams' reaction was rather tame. Some players threw their hands up, as did Vermeil, who watched the play on the big screen and said, "That's it. We win."

Kurt and his wife, Brenda, kissed. A few Rams players immediately consoled their disappointed opponents. Meanwhile, the key party in the final play didn't say or do much.

"(Linebacker) Lorenzo Styles runs up to me and yells, 'We won the Super Bowl!' He looks at me like, 'You all right?'" Jones recalls. "Man, my ankle was killing me, I was tired, we were on the field the whole game. I was just happy the game was over with."

It was also probably a bit of humility on Jones' part. He understood how fine the line was on that final play. He was able to get his hand on Dyson's knee. Had he not, Dyson might have powered past him.

It would take a while for Dyson to gain such perspective. In the months that followed, he developed painful canker sores he attributed to stress. He dreaded the media's interview requests. But that turned out to be part of the healing process, beginning with an ESPN interview alongside Jones the following year.

"The humbleness in him, just hearing him talk about it from his perspective, that helped me," Dyson says. "I felt like I let the city down, I let my teammates, the fans of the team down. It was a lot to bear. I was very stressed about it for a long time.

"When he and I talked about it, I was like, 'He's all right. Let me let that go. It's OK.'"

For as dramatic as the play itself was, the friendship between Dyson and Jones that flourished from that moment, and the paths they've taken since then, is perhaps the greatest story.

Dyson is now the principal at Centennial High School in Tennessee. He had opportunities to coach on the professional level but realized he "liked learning" as he grew older and decided to pursue a career in education. He noticed the students were responding to what he had to say, and he certainly had life lessons to share.

Like how to not let one moment — no matter how big the stage or how short the distance to your goal — define you.

"It does affect you. I can sit here now 25 years later and admit that," says Dyson, who is writing a book on his life experiences. "It took me some time to get this point. I don't think I ever did admit it when I was playing. I had to downplay it in those moments."

Jones, who spent over a decade coaching high school and college football, visited Dyson's school a few years ago. The two still communicate regularly. Dyson is on Jones' group texts regarding his Bible studies. Jones was a guest on Dyson's podcast "3 the Pro Way," during which Jones recounted his life story, his switch from fullback to linebacker, and, of course, his Super Bowl tackle.

Years later, both men never tire of telling the story. Especially together.

"You've got to have strong character to do that," Jones says of Dyson's willingness to relive the moment and grow from it.

"We hated each other from when the clock read 15:00 in the first quarter all the way to 0:00 in the fourth," Dyson adds. "But after that, it's a mutual respect.

"That's what it's all about."

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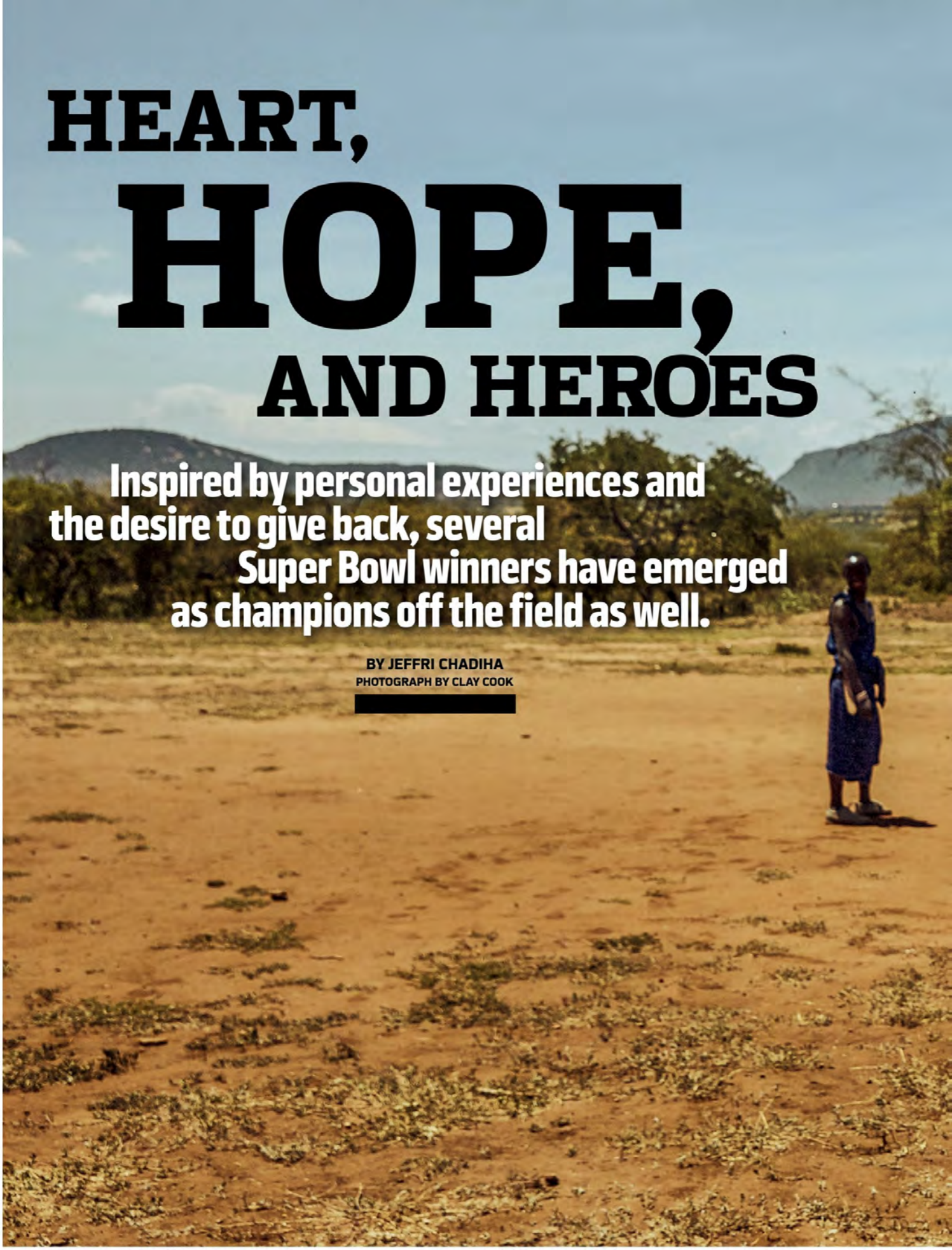

Chris Long is among a number of Super Bowl champion players who have used their platform to make a positive impact on the world around them.

CHRIS LONG didn't know how he was going to do it, but he *knew* he had to do something. He had just returned home after a life-changing trip to Tanzania, where he scaled Mount Kilimanjaro and learned far more about despair while touring the country's tiny villages.

What hit Long the hardest in that summer of 2013 — as he was gearing up for his sixth NFL season as a defensive end for the then-St. Louis Rams — was how difficult it was for the locals simply to find clean water. The more Long thought about that, the more he felt compelled to act.

It wasn't that Long didn't already have a charitable spirit. He was always quick to donate to causes he deemed worthy. It's just that this task would involve an entirely different level of commitment, especially for a player who was realizing football wouldn't last forever.

"One day you wake up, and you're thinking that you might be out of the league in five or six years," Long says. "Here I was in the prime of my career, and I hadn't formed a foundation or anything. I would've been dumb not to do something with that opportunity."

The same revelation that hit Long is one that has occurred in numerous NFL players. What separates him from most of those other athletes is the impact he ultimately created off the field and the success he attained on it. Very few players make it to the Super Bowl, let alone experience the unrivaled joy of winning it. Long was blessed enough to achieve football's biggest goal twice while also impacting others with his charitable work.

That simple idea Long had back then turned into The Waterboys Initiative, whose stated mission is to provide clean water for one million people worldwide. It also landed him within a fraternity of other former Super Bowl players who've impressed with their community service. That group includes former New England Patriots Devin and Jason McCourty (who started the Tackle Sickle Cell Foundation), former Los Angeles Rams left tackle Andrew Whitworth (who ended his career in 2021 by winning the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award and a championship), and Tampa Bay wide receiver Mike Evans (who's been nominated for Man of the Year three times). Of course, Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes has claimed three Super Bowl wins, but his work helping kids through his 15 and the Mahomies Foundation has been just as noteworthy.

IT'S BECOME CLICHÉ to talk about players who win the Super Bowl as heroes. These players put that term into the proper perspective. When asked to liken the thrill of claiming a championship to the joy of helping others, Evans says there really isn't a comparison.

"Winning the Super Bowl is unbelievable — that's what you play for," Evans says. "But I'd definitely give a nod to all my philanthropic work and the opportunities to give back. Because that part is forever."

Since New Orleans is hosting Super Bowl LIX, there will be ample attention focused on the efforts of former Saints special teams star Steve Gleason, whose play and inspiration laid the groundwork for a team that would go on to win the championship following the 2009 season. He's been battling Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) since 2011 but that hasn't stopped him from assisting others plagued with the disease. Team Gleason has provided more than $40 million in adventure,

Chris Long stands with drillers at the first well site completed by The Waterboys Initiative in Tanzania in 2015. Over the years, his organization has drilled dozens of wells in East Africa.

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technology, equipment, and care services for people living with ALS. Gleason also believes his foundation is just scratching the surface of what it can accomplish.

There has been no shortage of honors bestowed on Gleason. The Saints erected a statue of him outside the Caesars Superdome — highlighting his blocked punt in a 2006 win over Atlanta that famously energized a city rebounding from Hurricane Katrina — and he became the first NFL player to receive the Congressional Gold Medal for his work with ALS.

"That list is lengthy, and it will continue to grow," says Team Gleason executive director Blair Casey. "But without football, Steve would still be doing what he's been doing."

That is the overriding sentiment among the players interviewed for this story. As much as they value the reach of their platforms, they're still regular people at heart who are motivated by the same urges that strike most people who see others struggling. They possess the ability to help — so they act. They also remember the influences that made them see the value in giving back whenever possible.

Empathy is a trait that defined Whitworth going back to his childhood in Louisiana. He actually arranged for two different friends to live at his family's home during his high school years, and he was incredibly moved by meeting fans who'd had their lives devastated by Hurricane Katrina during his college career at LSU.

Tragedy is a major reason behind the work Evans does, which includes aiding families affected by domestic violence and poverty. His uncle fatally stabbed his father when Evans was 9 years old, a killing that stemmed from the dad domestically abusing Evans' mother.

When Mahomes blossomed into a superstar for the Chiefs, he fondly remembered hanging out at the local Boys and Girls Club in his hometown of Whitehouse, Texas. Those memories became the impetus for his foundation, which is focused on initiatives that improve the lives of children.

"It's way past what I even dreamed of it ever being, and I think that is a reflection on the people who I have around me and the people in the communities who have brought me up," Mahomes says. "They've been willing to give back and help me kind of follow this dream of giving back to the communities that helped me out so much. It takes everybody; it's not just me."

Long was just as influenced by his own childhood memories.

"I grew up with a dad (Hall of Fame defensive tackle Howie Long) who didn't have the same opportunities I had as a kid," says Long, who received Man of the Year honors in 2018 and won Super Bowls with both Philadelphia and New England. "I watched him and my mom work in the community. I watched the way they teamed up to tackle issues and also saw how they didn't blast out what they did. I learned from my parents that it's really about what you do when nobody is watching."

The easiest part of helping others is realizing that it's a worthwhile endeavor. The harder aspect is figuring

CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT:
Steve Gleason was presented the Congressional Gold Medal in a ceremony on Capitol Hill in 2020. The statue "Rebirth," located outside the Caesars Superdome, depicts Gleason blocking a punt for the Saints in the team's first home game following Hurricane Katrina. Gleason and his wife, Michel, have worked tirelessly to help those suffering from ALS.

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ABOVE: Patrick Mahomes' 15 and the Mahomies Foundation supports initiatives that focus on health, wellness, and communities in need of resources. TOP RIGHT: Mike Evans founded the Mike Evans Family Foundation to help victims of domestic violence. It also has hosted free football and basketball camps for youngsters in his hometown of Galveston, Texas.

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—ANDREW WHITWORTH

Andrew Whitworth was the recipient of the 2021 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award for his charitable efforts in the communities in which he was raised and played.

out how to make it happen. In Long's case, he had witnessed first-hand the suffering in Tanzania, which made him so certain of the need to contribute to a solution. He even believed it wouldn't be that difficult to convince fellow players at the time of the same thing.

What Long quickly learned was that selling a cause is just as critical as believing in one. There were more than a few times when he approached teammates and pitched his vision and then sat dumbfounded as they politely declined.

"I thought it was going to be a no-brainer," Long says. "We did turkey drives every year and raised all this money. But when I brought it up, the (common) reaction was, 'Nah, I have to save money for the toy drive.' But I also totally understood the refusals. Before I traveled to Tanzania, I wasn't thinking in that frame of mind. It was a hard sell at first."

Gleason found more immediate success rallying people behind his initiative. It was in 2014, when he had just returned from climbing Machu Picchu in Peru, that he had his epiphany. Gleason sat in his father-in-law's home with family and friends watching video of the intense trek, which included more than 12 hours of hiking in the dark. Gleason knew his body was declining and that he needed more help to change the way ALS impacted others.

Team Gleason emerged from that revelation. Even though he's reached a stage where he can't move any part of his body on his own — and communicates through eye-tracking computer technology — Gleason remains even more committed.

"We've known people who've had ALS for a very long time, but they didn't have the right technology and the right care," Casey says. "That was the consistent theme. And there was no other organization specifically focusing on the 'now' needs. The tools that keep people independent, mobile, being able to communicate, being able to look for purpose in life — that's why he started Team Gleason."

MANY TIMES, THESE EFFORTS begin with a simple desire to give back to others, but they eventually evolve into something much bigger. Long started with Waterboys — which built 32 wells in East Africa

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—CHRIS LONG

by 2018 (each well cost $45,000 and serves as many as 7,500 people) — but he also donated his $1 million salary in 2017 to fund college scholarships and promote educational equality in the cities where he played.

Whitworth spent his final five seasons in Los Angeles, where he found even more creative ways to give back. When he signed his final contract extension in 2020, he made sure to update Rams community relations staff on the negotiations so they could be aware of how Whitworth wanted to use portions of his game checks to help the community. Over the course of 16 NFL seasons — the first 11 of which were in Cincinnati — Whitworth's contributions covered a wide spectrum, including: $400,000 for scholarships and school supplies for Louisiana kids; $875,000 to grant wishes for kids with terminal illnesses; and $250,000 to the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank.

He still vividly remembers the joy in the eyes of a single mother who moved her homeless family into a house Whitworth provided during the pandemic in 2020. He was just as touched in 2021, when Detroit Lions linebacker Derrick Barnes tracked him down after a game. Barnes thanked Whitworth for volunteering at the Cincinnati Boys and Girls Club years earlier, adding that he wouldn't have realized his dreams without such support.

"I look at community service as, 'What's the best way to make optimal impact?'" Whitworth says. "It's not about my name or my legacy. It's about how much difference is being made. That's where I got to in L.A., and it's how I've been in retirement. What's the best way we can go make a difference?"

THAT QUESTION REMAINS on the minds of all these players. Long stresses that it's crucial for players to start giving back while they're still in the league because "when you're just a guy who used to play, it does get a little harder to sell your cause." For somebody like Mahomes or Evans, the spotlight shines on them constantly. For those in retirement, they still need the same determination that led them to the NFL in the first place.

Gleason is a great example of that. He was the first person with ALS to climb Machu Picchu — while also writing a book, winning various awards, and setting his sights on greater advancements in a field where his organization already has provided more technology and equipment for ALS than any other non-profit in the world, according to Casey.

"Steve built a team of people and set a goal to where 70 to 90 percent of the ALS population [will be] using our services within the next five years, and that started two years ago," he says. "When Steve says it, that's what we're going to do."

That is exactly the attitude that has made these men so heroic.

"This is what we're supposed to do," Long says. "We're supposed to help each other and look out for each other and have a heart. Winning the Super Bowl is like winning the lottery. ... You have to strain your whole life to do that, and it doesn't guarantee you anything. But all charity work is a service. When you're given a lot, you're supposed to give it back."

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Archie Manning fell in love with New Orleans in 1971. It's loved him and his football family back ever since.

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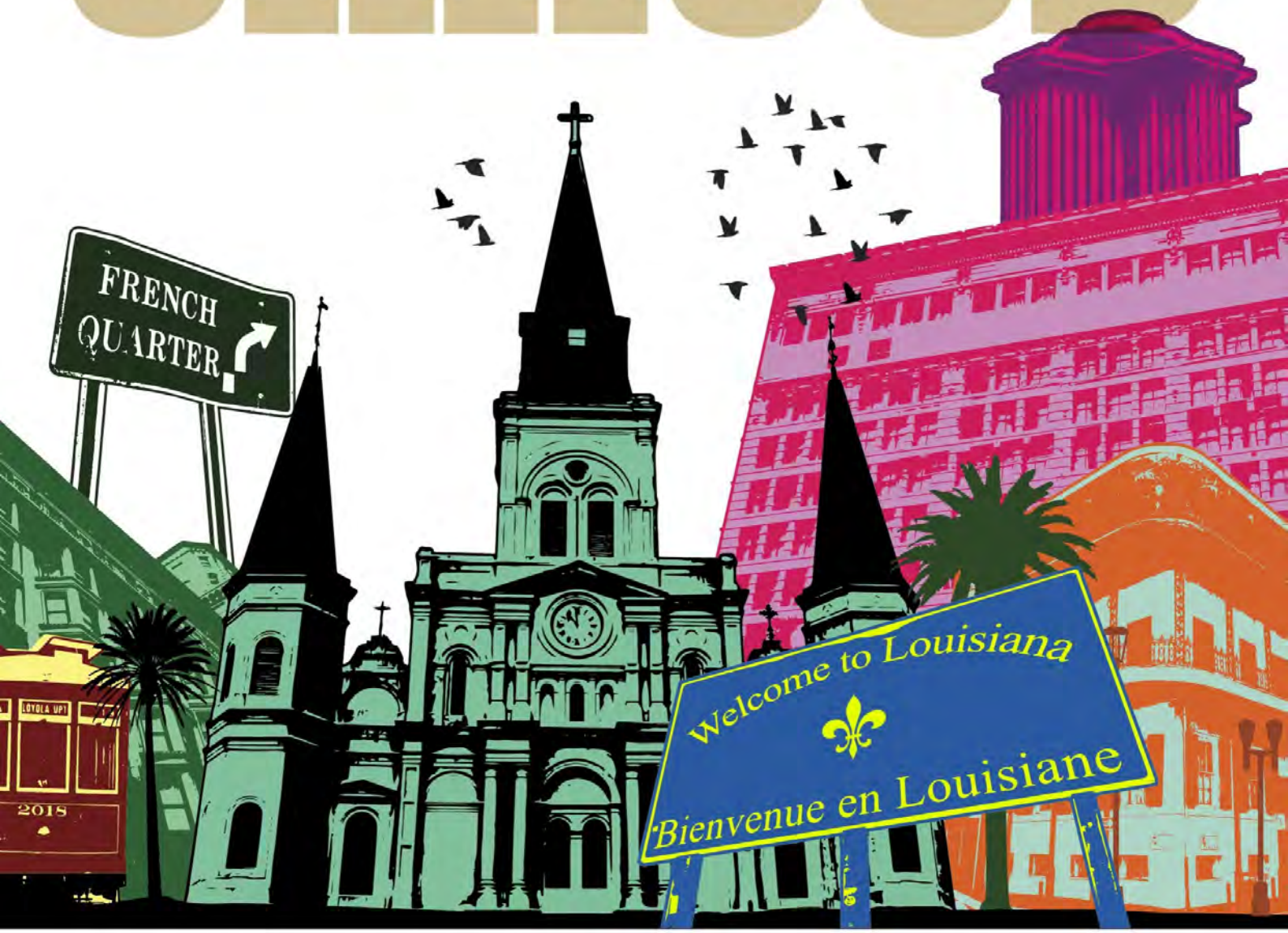
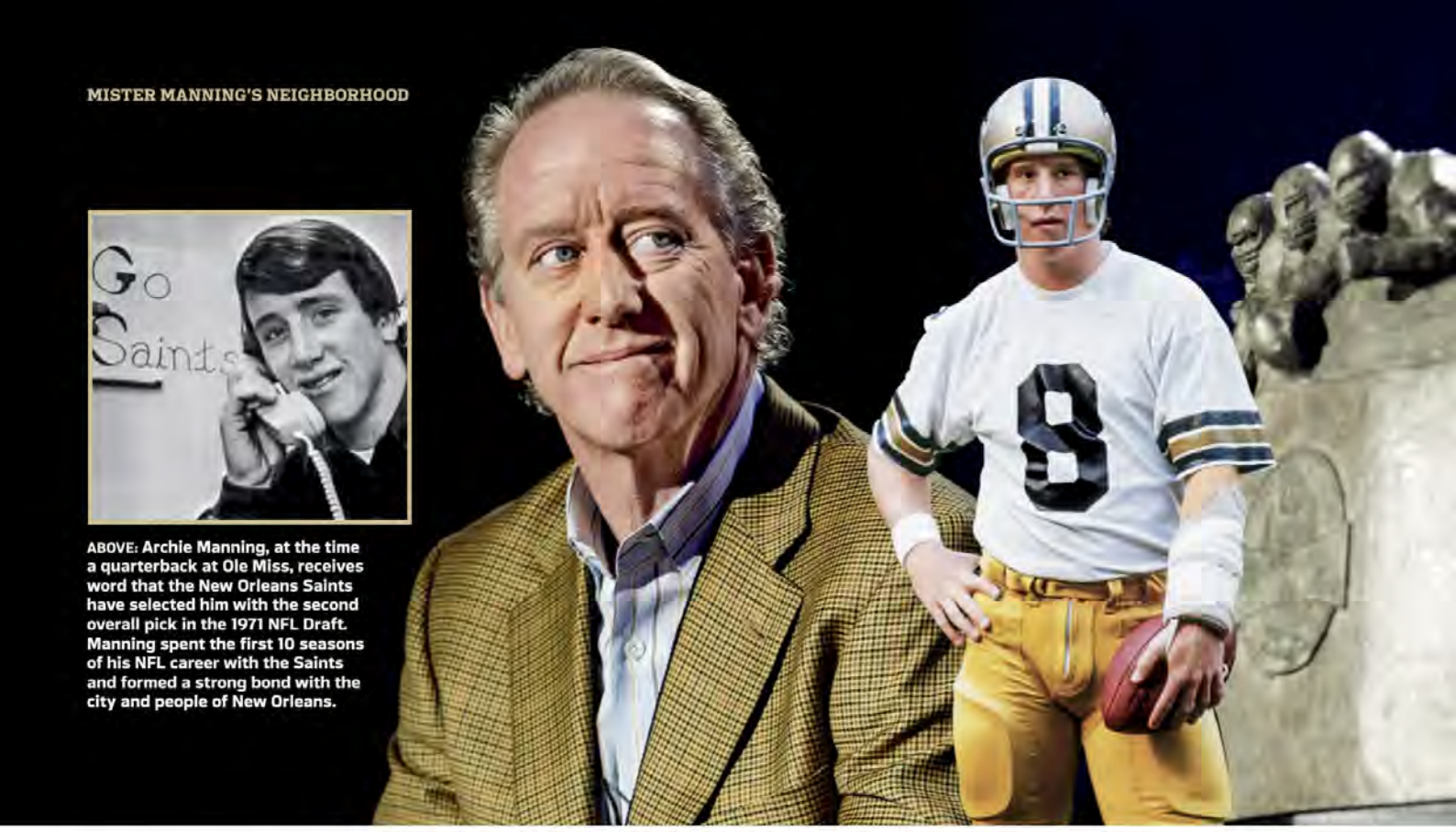


Harris Barton played four seasons of college football at North Carolina, then 10 seasons in the NFL with the 49ers. After retiring in 1998, he settled for good in Silicon Valley, where he still lives.

In his 60 years on earth, he has never lived in Louisiana, nor has he rooted for the New Orleans Saints. But in 2012, Barton was having lunch after a round of golf at a Long Island country club, and who walked up to shake his hand? Archie Manning.

"Harris Barton?" Manning said, extending his right hand. "Archie Manning. Great career, and you've done a lot of great work in the community. Good to meet you."

They exchanged numbers, and Barton texted him greetings. Manning and Barton struck up a little relationship via text. In 2014, when Barton was about to turn 50, he and some friends decided to have a spring weekend celebration for 12 in New Orleans — and



ABOVE: Archie Manning, at the time a quarterback at Ole Miss, receives word that the New Orleans Saints have selected him with the second overall pick in the 1971 NFL Draft. Manning spent the first 10 seasons of his NFL career with the Saints and formed a strong bond with the city and people of New Orleans.

Barton texted to ask Manning if he had a couple of recommendations for the group.

Barton had no idea that Archie Manning actually *owned* New Orleans.

"We flew in late on a Thursday night, and Archie got us into this great hotel at the busiest time of year, and he had us set up for a late dinner in the Garden District," Barton recalls. "After dinner, we asked the maître d' where we could see a great blues band at that hour, and he knew we were friends of Archie, and the guy called this place nearby, and he got us backstage passes at 3 a.m.

"Next night, weekend night, he gets us into Galatoire's. Twelve people. Next day, lunch at Manning's, and Archie shows up to have a meal with us. Last day, Sunday, I ask him, 'On our way out of town, got a good recommendation for a dive bar with beer and crawfish?' He sets us up at this classic dive bar not far from the airport, newspapers on the tables, crawfish and oysters everywhere. An unbelievable experience, all of it.

"All made possible by Archie. He is Godlike. I tried to write him a check, donate to his charity. No, he just wanted to help. He just wanted me to have a great birthday."

There are scores of stories like this one. I asked Archie Manning: Why do you do things like this?"

Manning went quiet for a moment, then he answered sheepishly: "Oh, I don't know. I guess I like to help people, that's all. I'll tell you this — if you live in New Orleans, you get used to it. It's how people here are."

"NEW ORLEANS," famed Louisianan and political consultant James Carville said recently, "is a culture of families. Big families. The Marsalises, the Landrieus, the Brennans. We revere big and loyal families, and the Mannings are at the top of the list of the great New Orleans families ..."

Quite a statement from an 80-year-old man raised in Louisiana, schooled at LSU, and who resides in New Orleans, considering the history of this great city. But listen to three more words spoken by Carville:

"... of all time."

The more people you talk to about the city and the Mannings, you realize they're not just the first family of New Orleans football (which, of course, they are). They're also the first family of New Orleans. Since they moved to the place 54 years ago, the Mannings have rolled out the welcome mat and preached the gospel of *Laissez les bon temps rouler* — Let the good times roll — to friends and football foes.

For years, dozens of NFL players, coaches, broadcasters, and execs used the Manning home at 1420 First Street in the Garden District for dinner and drinks and Mardi Gras fun. Even after empty-nesters Archie and Olivia downsized in recent years, their new home on St. Charles Avenue is actually closer to the Mardi Gras parades than before.

"We're at the 50-yard line now," Archie says. Great! More company!

MOST NFL FANS TODAY probably know Archie and Olivia Manning best as the parents of two Super Bowl-winning quarterbacks: Peyton and Eli Manning. And the parents of a third son, Cooper. And maybe even as the grandparents of a precocious young college quarterback, Arch Manning. But a refresher on the patriarch is in order.

Of course, this story begins because of football. On a late January morning in 1971, Ole Miss senior Archie Manning was summoned by the school's sports information director to his office. At 9:15 a.m., the feeble four-year-old Saints, with the second overall pick, called to congratulate Archie on being their choice, and on being their new cornerstone player. Archie had his photo taken, and that was it.

"I went to my Econ class at 10," Manning says. Some draft day.

Archie and Olivia, from small Mississippi towns, fully planned to make small-town Mississippi their permanent home when he

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Eli, Peyton, Archie, and Cooper Manning run the Manning Passing Academy, which started in 1996 and attracts some of the nation's top offensive collegiate prospects. The camp has always called Louisiana its home, moving from Tulane to Southeastern Louisiana to its current location at Nicholls State.

wasn't playing pro football. But New Orleans grew on the Mannings, and the young QB thought if this football team was going to be all-in with him, he should be all-in with it and live year-round in New Orleans. That's how the love affair between family and city began. It continued through 10 consecutive non-winning seasons, as the oft-sacked Manning won 3, 2, 5, 3, 2, 1, 7, 8, 1, and 3 games.

"It's amazing to hear my dad talk about his time in New Orleans," Eli says. "Everything was positive. They never won! It all comes down to this: My dad cannot say anything mean about anyone."

Being negative about being beaten up and losing all the time, Archie says, "was just never going to be my theme. Growing up, I wanted to play professional sports, and I did that for 15 years. And I also had my greatest thrill in sports before that — quarterbacking the Ole Miss Rebels. What do I have to be unhappy about?"

Sometimes in this society, we place such an emphasis on winning that we forget there's only one team left standing at the end of every season in every sport. You can have a black cloud over your head, or you can count your blessings. The Saints struggled, Manning hung in there with class for a decade, he hosted scores of NFL folk for Mardi Gras, he became a constant presence for all his kids' youth sports with his omnipresent camcorder to take videos ... and he and Olivia didn't abandon ship post-Katrina.

He founded a quarterback camp, the Manning Passing Academy, that brings 1,400 top football prospects to Louisiana every summer. Now he runs the camp with Cooper, Peyton, and Eli.

"Disney came in and wanted us to move the camp to Orlando," Archie says, "but we said no. No way we're leaving Louisiana."

Archie bought the first two season tickets in the history of the NBA's expansion New Orleans Jazz in 1974 and sat behind the home team's bench for virtually every game, starting in his fourth season as Saints quarterback. Cooper was just a toddler by the Jazz's fourth and fifth (the fifth was the last in New Orleans before the team moved to Utah) seasons, and Archie remembers the local superhero, Pistol Pete Maravich, turning around and winking at the little boy before and during games.

You want the Kevin Costner story? In 1991, when the movie *JFK* was being filmed in New Orleans, the house next door to the Mannings was used as the home of local District Attorney Jim Garrison. In real life, Garrison tried to prove there was a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy; in the film, Costner played Garrison. One day in a break on the set, Costner walked next door and found 15-year-old Peyton and friends shooting baskets on the court behind the Manning house. Costner played with them.

"He stayed till one of my buddies asked too many questions about *Bull Durham*," Peyton says. "Then he was gone."

Most afternoons during filming, Olivia would host her friends for margarita parties on the front porch.

"I called it 'The Kevin Watch,'" Archie says. "They'd stay till Kevin walked by on the way to his trailer on the set. I think they liked looking at Kevin."

SOUNDS LIKE the New Orleans life has been a pretty wonderful one. It's not over. Not even close.

Archie is 75 now. Cooper, the eldest son, is 50 (man, time flies), and Cooper and Ellen Manning are the parents of young Arch, one of the hottest quarterback prospects in college football. It's not hard to imagine Arch Manning making history in, oh, maybe 2027 or so by graduating to the NFL. Never has three consecutive generations of one family produced starting NFL quarterbacks. Think about it: a 70- or 75-year span with the Mannings playing or talking or teaching or ambassadoring about pro football.

Who could have seen this future when the Saints made that phone call in 1971 to that Ole Miss quarterback on his way to class?

"It's hard to imagine," Eli says. "But I can tell you there is no secret recipe. My dad was not on a mission to make us all football players. It's just, for whatever reason, we could pick up a football, and it came out a spiral, and it became a passion, and a passion to improve at."

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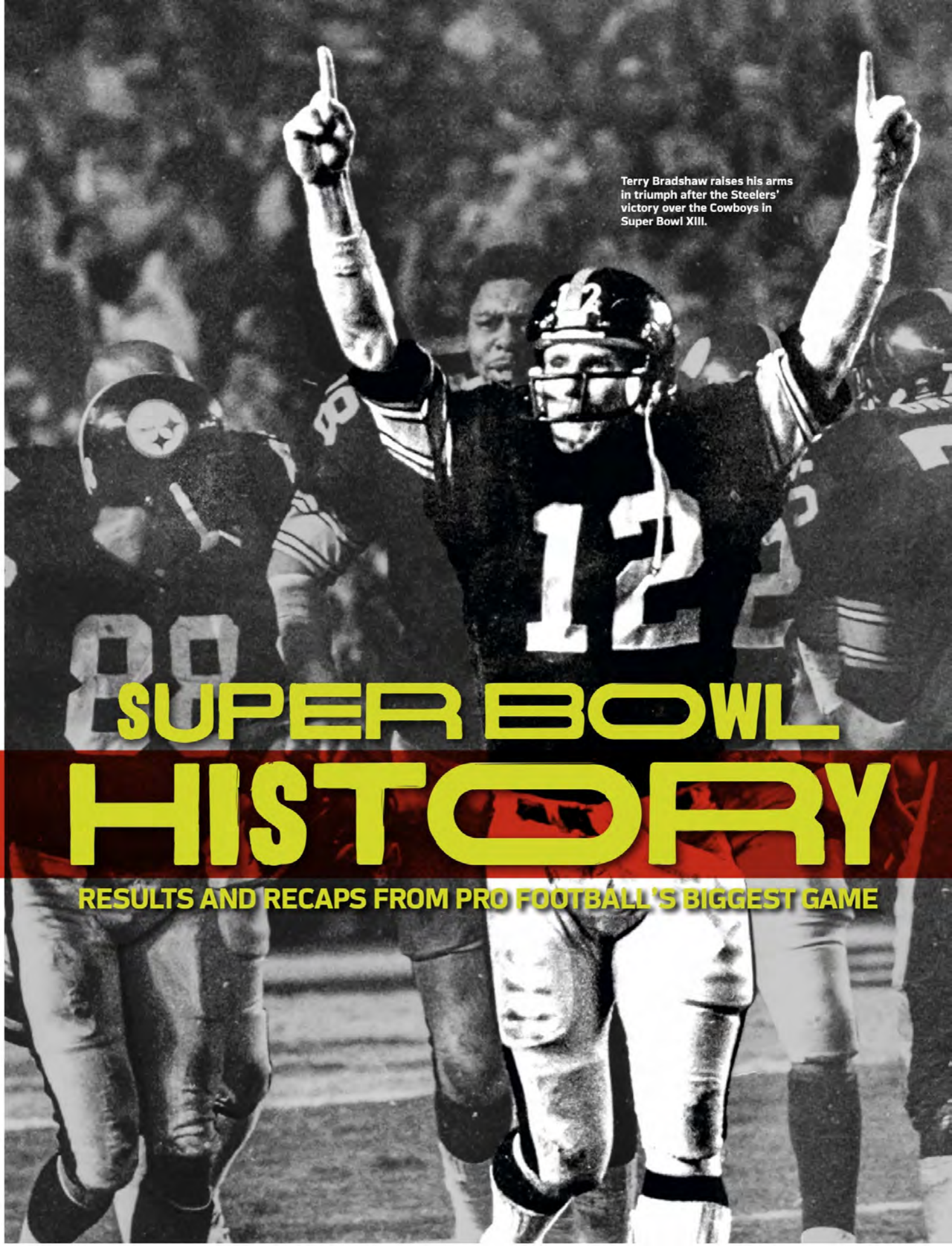

Terry Bradshaw raises his arms in triumph after the Steelers' victory over the Cowboys in Super Bowl XIII.

SUPER BOWL HISTORY

RESULTS AND RECAPS FROM PRO FOOTBALL'S BIGGEST GAME

SUPER BOWL I

January 15, 1967
Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles
Attendance: **61,946**

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Chiefs	0	10	0	0	10
Packers	7	7	14	7	35

MVP: Bart Starr (QB), **Packers**
16 of 23 passing, 250 yards, 2 TDs

The Packers opened the Super Bowl era by defeating the AFL champion Chiefs behind the passing of Bart Starr, the receiving of Max McGee, and a key interception by safety Willie Wood. Leading by a narrow 14-10 margin at the half, Green Bay took control with three second-half touchdowns, the first of which was set up by Wood's 50-yard interception return. McGee, filling in for an ailing Boyd Dowler after having only four receptions all season, caught seven passes for 138 yards and two touchdowns. Elijah Pitts rushed for two other Packers scores. All of the Chiefs' points came in the second quarter, including a 7-yard TD pass from Len Dawson to Curtis McClinton.

SUPER BOWL II

January 14, 1968
Orange Bowl, Miami
Attendance: **75,546**

	1	2	3	4	F
Packers	3	13	10	7	33
Raiders	0	7	0	7	14

MVP: Bart Starr (QB), **Packers**
13 of 24 passing, 202 yards, 1 TD

Two weeks after capturing its third consecutive NFL championship, Green Bay won the Super Bowl for the second straight year, defeating the Raiders in a game that drew the first $3 million gate in football history. Bart Starr was efficient at QB, helping the Packers to a 16-7 halftime lead that they built upon after intermission. Don Chandler kicked four field goals for the victors, and cornerback Herb Adderley capped the Green Bay scoring with his 60-yard interception-return TD. The game marked the last for Vince Lombardi as Packers coach, ending a tenure that saw his teams win five NFL titles in seven years.

SUPER BOWL III

January 12, 1969
Orange Bowl, Miami
Attendance: **75,389**

	1	2	3	4	F
Jets	0	7	6	3	16
Colts	0	0	0	7	7

MVP: Joe Namath (QB), **Jets**
17 of 28 passing, 206 yards

Jets quarterback Joe Namath "guaranteed" victory on the Thursday before Super Bowl III, then went out and delivered by leading a huge upset — beating a Colts team that had lost only once all season. Namath directed a steady attack that dominated the NFL champions, while the Jets' defense intercepted Colts quarterback Earl Morrall three times in the first half. New York had 337 total yards, including 121 on the ground from Matt Snell. Johnny Unitas, who missed most of the season with a sore elbow, came off the bench to lead Baltimore to its only touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

SUPER BOWL IV

January 11, 1970
Tulane Stadium, New Orleans
Attendance: **80,562**

	1	2	3	4	F
Vikings	0	0	7	0	7
Chiefs	3	13	7	0	23

MVP: Len Dawson (QB), **Chiefs**
12 of 17 passing, 142 yards, 1 TD

The AFL squared the Super Bowl series at two victories apiece behind Len Dawson's superb quarterbacking and a powerful defense. Dawson called an almost flawless game and hit Otis Taylor on a 46-yard pass for the Chiefs' final touchdown, minutes after the Vikings scored their only points. The Kansas City defense forced five turnovers (three interceptions, two fumbles) and limited Minnesota's strong rushing game to 67 yards. Jan Stenerud provided an early spark for the Chiefs with field goals from 48, 32, and 25 yards, while Mike Garrett's 5-yard TD run before halftime made the score 16-0.

Donny Anderson (44) heads to the end zone on a 2-yard run for Green Bay's second touchdown in its Super Bowl II win over the Raiders.

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Larry Csonka (39) breaks into the open field for a big gain during the Dolphins' Super Bowl VIII win over the Vikings. Csonka scored twice — on runs of 5 and 2 yards — and accounted for 145 of the team's 196 rushing yards on the day.

SUPER BOWL V

January 17, 1971
Orange Bowl, Miami
Attendance: **79,204**

	1	2	3	4	F
Colts	0	6	0	10	16
Cowboys	3	10	0	0	13

MVP: Chuck Howley (LB), **Cowboys**
2 interceptions, 3 tackles

A 32-yard field goal by rookie kicker Jim O'Brien delivered victory to the Colts in the first Super Bowl to be played on artificial turf. The Cowboys led, 13-6, in the fourth quarter, but interceptions by Rick Volk and Mike Curtis set up a Baltimore touchdown and O'Brien's decisive kick in the closing seconds. Johnny Unitas threw for the Colts' first touchdown — a pass that caromed off receiver Eddie Hinton's fingertips, off Dallas' Mel Renfro, and settled into the hands of tight end John Mackey, who scored on the 75-yard play. The Cowboys' Chuck Howley became the first defensive player and the first (and still only) player from a losing team to be named Super Bowl MVP.

SUPER BOWL VI

January 16, 1972
Tulane Stadium, New Orleans
Attendance: **81,023**

	1	2	3	4	F
Cowboys	3	7	7	7	24
Dolphins	0	3	0	0	3

MVP: Roger Staubach (QB), **Cowboys**
12 of 19 passing, 119 yards, 2 TDs

The Cowboys rushed for 252 yards, and their defense limited the Dolphins to just 185 total yards and became the first to not allow a touchdown in the Super Bowl. Chuck Howley's recovery of a Larry Csonka fumble led to a 3-0 Dallas advantage, and Roger Staubach's TD pass to Lance Alworth made it 10-3 at the break. After the Cowboys received the second-half kickoff, Duane Thomas keyed a 71-yard march that ended with his 3-yard scoring run. Early in the fourth quarter, Howley picked off a pass that he returned deep into Miami territory, and three plays later Staubach passed 7 yards to Mike Ditka for the game's final touchdown. Thomas finished with 95 rushing yards and teammate Walt Garrison added 74.

SUPER BOWL VII

January 14, 1973
Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles
Attendance: **90,182**

	1	2	3	4	F
Dolphins	7	7	0	0	14
Redskins	0	0	0	7	7

MVP: Jake Scott (S), **Dolphins**
2 interceptions

On their way to perfection, the Dolphins played virtually perfect football in Super Bowl VII. Their defense allowed Washington to cross midfield only once in the first half, and Miami's offense turned good field position into two touchdowns. The Dolphins drove 63 yards for their first score, a 28-yard pass from Bob Griese to Howard Twilley. After Washington reached the Miami 48 late in the second quarter, linebacker Nick Buoniconti intercepted a pass that he returned 25 yards. Five plays later, Jim Kiick scored on a 1-yard run. Dolphins safety Jake Scott had two interceptions, one in the end zone that ended another Washington threat.

SUPER BOWL VIII

January 13, 1974
Rice Stadium, Houston
Attendance: **71,882**

	1	2	3	4	F
Vikings	0	0	0	7	7
Dolphins	14	3	7	0	24

MVP: Larry Csonka (RB), **Dolphins**
33 carries, 145 yards, 2 TDs

Representing the AFC for the third consecutive year, the Dolphins scored the first two times they had the ball — on marches of 62 and 56 yards — while their defense limited Minnesota to only seven plays in the first quarter. Larry Csonka capped the initial 10-play drive with his 5-yard TD bolt through right guard, and another 10-play scoring drive ended with Jim Kiick bursting 1 yard up the middle. Garo Yepremian's 28-yard field goal made it 17-0. The Vikings would then drive deep into Miami territory, but were stopped on fourth-and-1 from the 6 on a big hit by middle linebacker Nick Buoniconti.

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SUPER BOWL IX

January 12, 1975
Tulane Stadium, New Orleans
Attendance: 80,997

	1	2	3	4	F
Steelers	0	2	7	7	16
Vikings	0	0	0	6	6

MVP: Franco Harris (RB), **Steelers**
34 carries, 158 yards, 1 TD

A new chapter in Steelers history began with this victory over the Vikings, the first of four Super Bowl titles won under coach Chuck Noll. Both offenses struggled through a first half that saw the only points scored when Pittsburgh's Dwight White downed quarterback Fran Tarkenton in the end zone for a safety. But it didn't take long for the Steelers to add to that lead after intermission. Minnesota's Bill Brown fumbled the second-half kickoff and Marv Kellum recovered on the Vikings 30. Four plays later, Franco Harris' 9-yard touchdown run gave his team a 9-0 lead. Pittsburgh's powerful defense permitted only 119 total yards on the day, including 17 rushing yards.

SUPER BOWL X

January 18, 1976
Orange Bowl, Miami
Attendance: 80,187

	1	2	3	4	F
Cowboys	7	3	0	7	17
Steelers	7	0	0	14	21

MVP: Lynn Swann (WR), **Steelers**
4 receptions, 161 yards, 1 TD

The Steelers captured the Super Bowl for the second straight year, helped along by Terry Bradshaw's 64-yard touchdown pass to Lynn Swann and an aggressive defense that stopped a late Dallas rally. The Steelers scored on Bradshaw's 7-yard TD pass to Randy Grossman, the long throw to Swann, Roy Gerela's 36- and 18-yard field goals, and Reggie Harrison's blocked punt that went through the end zone for a safety. Dallas, though, only trailed by four points when it took possession with 1:22 to go, but had its hopes dashed on Glen Edwards' end-zone interception on the game's final play.

SUPER BOWL XI

January 9, 1977
Rose Bowl, Pasadena
Attendance: 103,438

	1	2	3	4	F
Raiders	0	16	3	13	32
Vikings	0	0	7	7	14

MVP: Fred Biletnikoff (WR), **Raiders**
4 receptions, 79 yards

In front of 81 million television viewers, the largest audience ever to watch a sporting event, the Raiders won their first Super Bowl title. Clarence Davis rushed for 137 yards, Fred Biletnikoff made four key receptions, and the defense came up big for the victors. Oakland built a 16-0 halftime lead — on Errol Mann's 24-yard field goal, a 1-yard TD pass from Ken Stabler to Dave Casper, and Pete Banaszak's 1-yard scoring run. After the Vikings cut the deficit to 19-7, a pair of fourth-quarter interceptions clinched the championship for the Raiders. One set up Banaszak's second touchdown run, while the other resulted in cornerback Willie Brown's 75-yard interception return for a score.

SUPER BOWL XII

January 15, 1978
Superdome, New Orleans
Attendance: 75,583

	1	2	3	4	F
Cowboys	10	3	7	7	27
Broncos	0	0	10	0	10

MVPs: Randy White (DT) and **Harvey Martin** (DE), **Cowboys**
Leaders of a defense that had 4 sacks and allowed just 156 yards

Super Bowl TV viewership exceeded 100 million fans for the first time, and they watched as the Cowboys forced six first-half turnovers on their way to a 13-0 halftime lead. Dallas then tacked on two second-half TDs, the first on Butch Johnson's spectacular diving catch in the end zone and the other when running back Robert Newhouse tossed a 29-yard pass to Golden Richards. As part of the win, Roger Staubach completed 17 of 25 passes for 183 yards and Tony Dorsett rushed for 68 yards, including a 3-yard TD. The game marked the first — and remains the only — time the MVP Award has been shared.

Lynn Swann (88) extends for the ball in the Steelers' Super Bowl X win over the Cowboys. Swann had four receptions for 161 yards en route to game MVP honors.

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49ers quarterback Joe Montana (16) is congratulated by Bengals defensive end — and former Notre Dame teammate — Ross Browner (79) after San Francisco's victory in Super Bowl XVI. Both players stood out for their teams: Montana was named the game's MVP while Browner was credited with eight tackles.

SUPER BOWL XIII

January 21, 1979
Orange Bowl, Miami
Attendance: **79,484**

	1	2	3	4	F
Steelers	7	14	0	14	35
Cowboys	7	7	3	14	31

MVP: Terry Bradshaw (QB), **Steelers**
17 of 30 passing, 318 yards, 4 TDs

Terry Bradshaw's four touchdown passes led the Steelers, who became the first team to win three Super Bowls. The first two scoring tosses went to John Stallworth, and the third, with 26 seconds remaining in the second quarter, was to Rocky Bleier for a 21-14 halftime lead. The Steelers then broke things open with TDs 19 seconds apart midway through the final quarter — Franco Harris rambled 22 yards for a score, and after Dennis Winston recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, Bradshaw fired an 18-yard strike to Lynn Swann.

SUPER BOWL XIV

January 20, 1980
Rose Bowl, Pasadena
Attendance: **103,985**

	1	2	3	4	F
Rams	7	6	6	0	19
Steelers	3	7	7	14	31

MVP: Terry Bradshaw (QB), **Steelers**
14 of 21 passing, 309 yards, 2 TDs

Trailing 13-10 at halftime, the Steelers rallied to win their fourth Super Bowl crown in six years. They briefly moved ahead in the third quarter when Terry Bradshaw hit Lynn Swann on a 47-yard TD pass, but the Rams responded on their next possession with Lawrence McCutcheon throwing a halfback option touchdown to Ron Smith. The Steelers would finally take the lead for good in the fourth quarter on Bradshaw's 73-yard touchdown throw to John Stallworth. After stopping an L.A. threat with a Jack Lambert interception, Pittsburgh sealed the victory on Franco Harris' 1-yard TD run.

SUPER BOWL XV

January 25, 1981
Superdome, New Orleans
Attendance: **76,135**

	1	2	3	4	F
Raiders	14	0	10	3	27
Eagles	0	3	0	7	10

MVP: Jim Plunkett (QB), **Raiders**
13 of 21 passing, 261 yards, 3 TDs

Jim Plunkett passed for three touchdowns, including an 80-yard strike to Kenny King late in the first quarter, as the Raiders became the first Wild Card team to win the Super Bowl. Linebacker Rod Martin set up Oakland's first touchdown with an interception, one of a Super Bowl-record three he had in the game, while King's grab marked the longest play in Super Bowl history at the time. Oakland's Mark van Eeghen led all rushers with 75 yards, while teammate Cliff Branch had five receptions for 67 yards, including two catches that went for touchdowns.

SUPER BOWL XVI

January 24, 1982
Silverdome, Pontiac
Attendance: **81,270**

	1	2	3	4	F
49ers	7	13	0	6	26
Bengals	0	0	7	14	21

MVP: Joe Montana (QB), **49ers**
14 of 22 passing, 157 yards, 1 TD

Ray Wersching kicked a Super Bowl record-tying four field goals and Joe Montana directed a controlled passing attack to lift the 49ers to their first NFL crown. San Francisco owned a 20-0 halftime lead thanks to Montana's 1-yard TD run, Earl Cooper's 11-yard scoring catch, and 22- and 26-yard field goals from Wersching. The Bengals closed the gap on Ken Anderson's 5-yard TD run and Dan Ross' 4-yard scoring grab, but the 49ers kicker kept his team in front with two fourth-quarter field goals. Cincinnati outgained San Francisco, 356-275, marking the first time in Super Bowl history that the losing team had more total yards.

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SUPER BOWL XVII

January 30, 1983
Rose Bowl, Pasadena
Attendance: 103,667

	1	2	3	4	F
Dolphins	7	10	0	0	17
Redskins	0	10	3	14	27

MVP: John Riggins (RB), **Redskins**
38 carries, 166 yards, 1 TD

John Riggins topped 100 rushing yards for the fourth straight playoff game, part of a 276-yard ground effort for Washington, which won its first NFL title since 1942. The Dolphins held a 17-10 halftime lead, but wouldn't score again. Mark Moseley's short field goal pulled Washington within four, and Riggins moved his team ahead when he broke loose for a 43-yard TD run on a fourth-and-1 play early in the fourth quarter. Charlie Brown's 6-yard TD catch with 1:55 left closed out the scoring. The Dolphins managed only 176 total yards of offense, including 34 after intermission.

SUPER BOWL XVIII

January 22, 1984
Tampa Stadium, Tampa
Attendance: 72,920

	1	2	3	4	F
Redskins	0	3	6	0	9
Raiders	7	14	14	3	38

MVP: Marcus Allen (RB), **Raiders**
20 carries, 191 yards, 2 TDs

Derrick Jensen's end-zone recovery of a punt he blocked — giving the Raiders a 7-0 lead less than five minutes into the game — put his team on the path for a one-sided victory. Two key plays sealed Washington's fate. With just seven seconds left in the first half, Raiders linebacker Jack Squirek intercepted a pass at the Washington 5-yard line that he ran in for a touchdown to give Los Angeles a 21-3 lead. Then, on the final play of the third quarter, game MVP Marcus Allen darted 74 yards for a backbreaking touchdown.

SUPER BOWL XIX

January 20, 1985
Stanford Stadium, Stanford
Attendance: 84,059

	1	2	3	4	F
Dolphins	10	6	0	0	16
49ers	7	21	10	0	38

MVP: Joe Montana (QB), **49ers**
24 of 35 passing, 331 yards, 3 TDs

The 49ers' offense piled up 537 net yards as Joe Montana got the best of Dan Marino in this battle of future Hall of Fame QBs. Roger Craig became the first player to score three TDs in a Super Bowl game, one of those on an 8-yard TD reception that gave the 49ers a lead they would never relinquish. He added a short touchdown run before halftime and would close out San Francisco's scoring with a 16-yard reception from Montana. Craig finished with 58 yards rushing and caught seven passes for another 77 yards. The 49ers also held a 37:11 to 22:49 time of possession advantage.

SUPER BOWL XX

January 26, 1986
Superdome, New Orleans
Attendance: 73,818

	1	2	3	4	F
Bears	13	10	21	2	46
Patriots	3	0	0	7	10

MVP: Richard Dent (DE), **Bears**
1.5 sacks, part of defense that allowed 7 rushing yards

In a dominating display from start to finish, the Bears' league-leading defense recorded seven sacks and limited the Patriots to just 7 rushing yards. Chicago yielded an early field goal but then scored the game's next 44 points. Jim McMahon and Matt Suhey had scoring runs and Kevin Butler kicked three field goals to give the Bears a 23-3 halftime lead. After forcing a Patriots punt to start the second half, Chicago marched 96 yards for another TD to put the game out of reach. The Bears' Walter Payton rushed for 61 yards, while Richard Dent became just the fifth defender to be named Super Bowl MVP.

The Raiders' Kenny Hill (48), Lester Hayes (37), and Derrick Jensen (31) surround the ball after Jensen blocked a punt against Washington in Super Bowl XVIII. Jensen recovered the loose ball in the end zone for the game's first TD.

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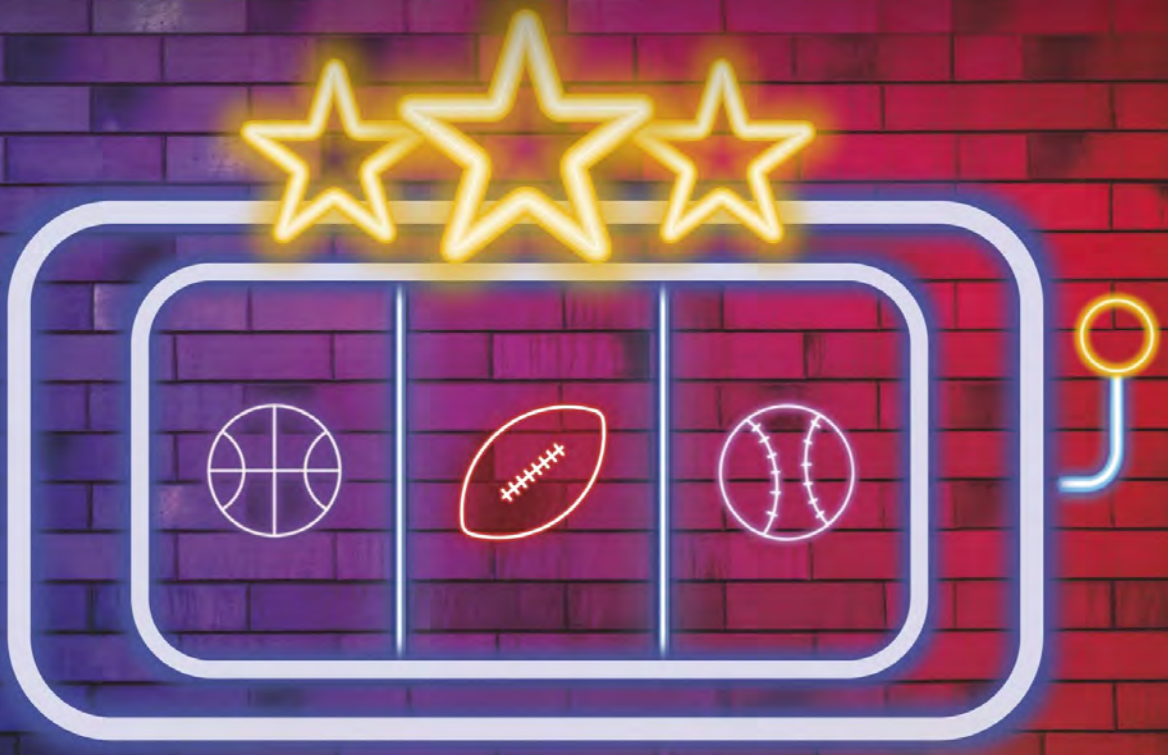

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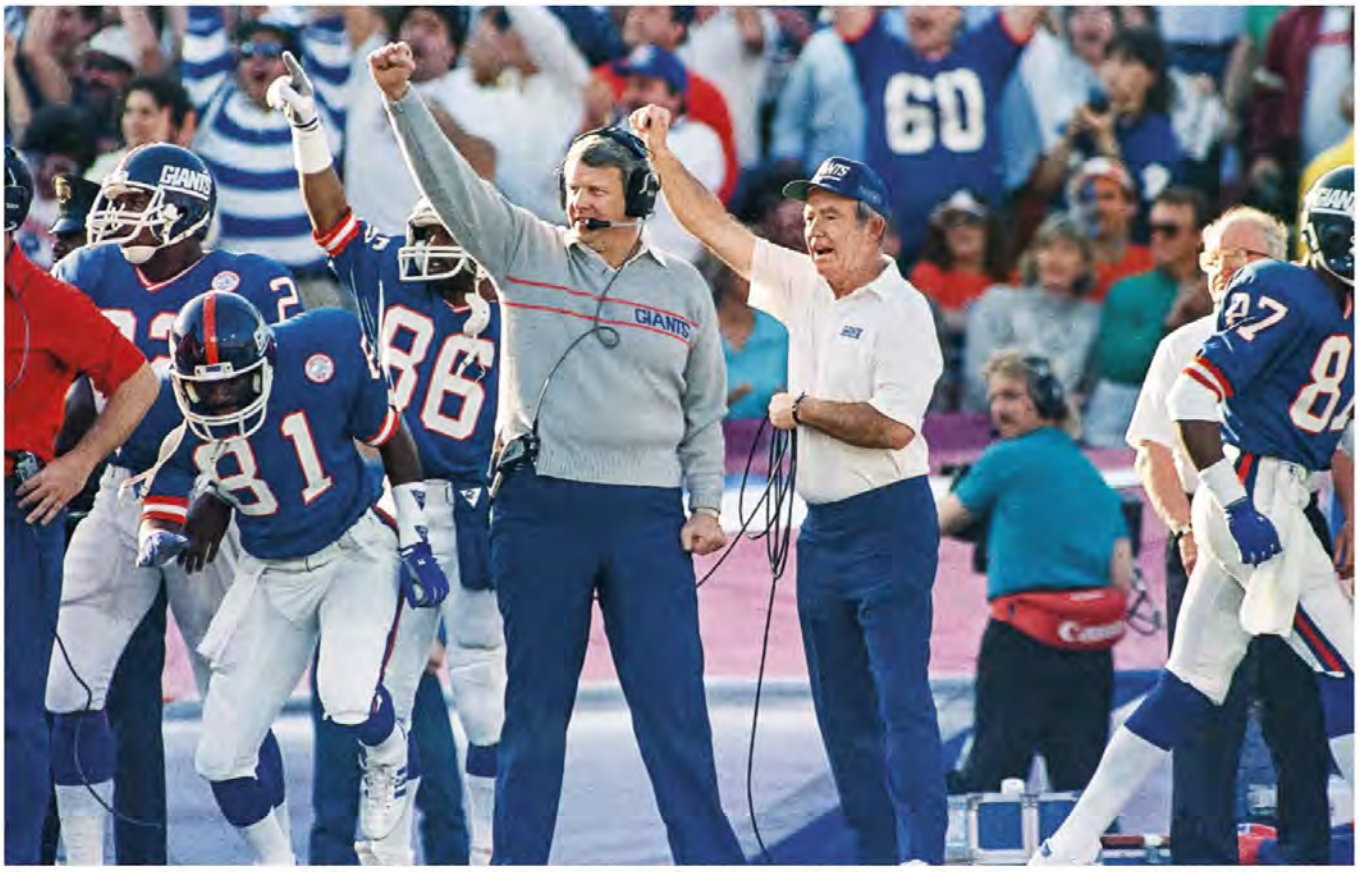

Giants head coach Bill Parcells (center) celebrates a touchdown during the team's Super Bowl XXI victory over the Broncos. It marked New York's first NFL championship since 1956 and the first of four Super Bowl titles won by the franchise.

SUPER BOWL XXI

January 25, 1987
Rose Bowl, Pasadena
Attendance: **101,063**

	1	2	3	4	F
Broncos	10	0	0	10	20
Giants	7	2	17	13	39

MVP: Phil Simms (QB), **Giants**
22 of 25 passing, 268 yards, 3 TDs

Buoyed by a big defensive stand in the second quarter, the Giants captured their first NFL title since 1956. The Broncos, already leading by a 10-7 score, had a first down at the New York 1-yard line, but were stymied on three running plays and then missed a short field-goal attempt. The Giants would take command in the third quarter en route to a 30-point second half — scoring four touchdowns and a field goal on their first five possessions after intermission — and moved in front for good on Mark Bavaro's 13-yard TD reception. Phil Simms deftly managed the game for the victors, setting Super Bowl records for completion percentage (88.0) and passer rating (150.92).

SUPER BOWL XXII

January 31, 1988
Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego
Attendance: **73,302**

	1	2	3	4	F
Redskins	0	35	0	7	42
Broncos	10	0	0	0	10

MVP: Doug Williams (QB), **Redskins**
18 of 29 passing, 340 yards, 4 TDs

Washington enjoyed a record-setting second quarter on its way to victory. Trailing 10-0, the NFC champions scored touchdowns on five straight possessions — establishing an NFL postseason mark for most points in a quarter (35). QB Doug Williams led the way by passing for four TDs, including 80- and 50-yard bombs to Ricky Sanders, and the five scores required only 18 total plays and 5:47 in possession. Timmy Smith amassed a Super Bowl-record 204 rushing yards (a mark that still stands), Barry Wilburn had two of Washington's three interceptions, and Alvin Walton recorded two of the team's five sacks.

SUPER BOWL XXIII

January 22, 1989
Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami
Attendance: **75,129**

	1	2	3	4	F
Bengals	0	3	10	3	16
49ers	3	0	3	14	20

MVP: Jerry Rice (WR), **49ers**
11 receptions, 215 yards, 1 TD

By scoring on one of the most famous and clutch drives in league history, the 49ers became the first NFC team to win three Super Bowls. Cincinnati had taken a 16-13 lead on Jim Breech's 40-yard field goal with 3:20 left in the fourth quarter, but Joe Montana calmly drove San Francisco 92 yards over 11 plays, capped by his 10-yard touchdown pass to John Taylor with just 34 seconds remaining. It was Taylor's lone catch of the game. Montana completed 23 of 36 passes for 357 yards, helping San Francisco post a 453 to 229 advantage in total yards. The game was the last at the helm for 49ers head coach Bill Walsh.

SUPER BOWL XXIV

January 28, 1990
Superdome, New Orleans
Attendance: **72,919**

	1	2	3	4	F
49ers	13	14	14	14	55
Broncos	3	0	7	0	10

MVP: Joe Montana (QB), **49ers**
22 of 29 passing, 297 yards, 5 TDs

The 49ers coasted to victory while setting a Super Bowl record for points that still stands. They scored touchdowns on four of their six first-half possessions to take a 27-3 lead at intermission, then cemented their advantage with interceptions by Michael Walter and Chet Brooks to end Denver's first two drives of the second half. Joe Montana was named Super Bowl MVP for a then-record third time, with his favorite target being Jerry Rice, who caught seven passes for 148 yards and three touchdowns. The 49ers' dominance extended to first downs (28 to 12), net yards (461 to 167), and time of possession (39:31 to 20:29).

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SUPER BOWL XXV

January 27, 1991
Tampa Stadium, Tampa
Attendance: 73,813

	1	2	3	4	F
Bills	3	9	0	7	19
Giants	3	7	7	3	20

MVP: Ottis Anderson (RB), **Giants**
102 rushing yards, 1 TD;
5 receptions

Employing a ball-control offense that saw them maintain possession for more than 40 minutes, the Giants edged the high-powered Bills. Fourteen of New York's 73 plays came on its opening drive of the third quarter, which consumed a then-Super Bowl-record 9:29 and ended with Ottis Anderson's 1-yard touchdown run. A Thurman Thomas TD run put Buffalo back in front, but Matt Bahr gave New York the lead for good with his 21-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter. Giants QB Jeff Hostetler was efficient in victory, completing 20 of 32 passes for 222 yards, including a 14-yard TD to Stephen Baker in the second quarter.

SUPER BOWL XXVI

January 26, 1992
Metrodome, Minneapolis
Attendance: 63,130

	1	2	3	4	F
Redskins	0	17	14	6	37
Bills	0	0	10	14	24

MVP: Mark Rypien (QB), **Redskins**
18 of 33 passing, 292 yards,
2 TDs

After Buffalo had shaved 10 points off a 24-0 deficit, Mark Rypien restored order with his 30-yard TD pass to Gary Clark that propelled Washington to its third Super Bowl win in 10 years — all of them under coach Joe Gibbs but each with a different quarterback. Washington held a 17-0 halftime lead and quickly extended it on Gerald Riggs' short scoring run that was set up by a Kurt Gouveia interception. It was one of four pickoffs by the team's defense. Clark finished with seven catches for 114 yards and Art Monk added seven for 113 yards for the victors, who amassed 417 yards of total offense.

SUPER BOWL XXVII

January 31, 1993
Rose Bowl, Pasadena
Attendance: 98,374

	1	2	3	4	F
Bills	7	3	7	0	17
Cowboys	14	14	3	21	52

MVP: Troy Aikman (QB), **Cowboys**
22 of 30 passing, 273 yards,
4 TDs

Troy Aikman threw four touchdown passes, Emmitt Smith rushed for 108 yards, and the Cowboys' defense forced nine turnovers in this one-sided victory. Two of those turnovers helped the Cowboys take the lead for good late in the opening quarter. First, Dallas safety James Washington intercepted a pass that he returned to the Bills 47, setting up Aikman's 23-yard TD throw to Jay Novacek. On the next play from scrimmage, a sack by the Cowboys' Charles Haley forced a fumble that teammate Jimmie Jones scooped up and ran 2 yards for another score.

SUPER BOWL XXVIII

January 30, 1994
Georgia Dome, Atlanta
Attendance: 72,817

	1	2	3	4	F
Cowboys	6	0	14	10	30
Bills	3	10	0	0	13

MVP: Emmitt Smith (RB), **Cowboys**
30 carries, 132 yards, 2 TDs

The Cowboys became the first team to open the season 0-2 and go on to win the Super Bowl, and the fifth team to capture back-to-back Super Bowl titles. A big defensive play and Emmitt Smith's two touchdown runs helped Dallas erase a 13-6 halftime deficit. Just 55 seconds after intermission, safety James Washington recovered a fumble and weaved his way 46 yards for a touchdown to tie the game. After the Bills punted on their next possession, Smith took over, carrying seven times for 61 yards on a march that ended with his 15-yard scoring jaunt to put Dallas ahead for good. Washington added a late interception that led to another Smith touchdown run.

Earnest Byner (left) and Mark Rypien celebrate after Washington's win over the Bills in Super Bowl XXVI. Byner scored the game's first touchdown on a 10-yard run, while Rypien threw for 292 yards and a pair of TDs.

The Cowboys' Emmitt Smith (22) tries to escape from a Bills defender during Super Bowl XXVIII. Smith ran for a pair of second-half touchdowns in the Dallas victory.

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In the Broncos' Super Bowl XXXII win over the Packers, Terrell Davis (30) became the first player to rush for three touchdowns in a Super Bowl, part of his 157-yard rushing performance.

SUPER BOWL XXIX

January 29, 1995
Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami
Attendance: **74,107**

	1	2	3	4	F
Chargers	7	3	8	8	26
49ers	14	14	14	7	49

MVP: Steve Young (QB), **49ers**
24 of 36 passing, 325 yards, 6 TDs

Steve Young's Super Bowl-record six touchdown passes lifted the 49ers past the Chargers to become the first team to win five Super Bowls. The QB, who directed an explosive offense that generated seven TDs, 28 first downs, and 455 total yards, wasted little time getting his team on the scoreboard. He fired a 44-yard touchdown throw to Jerry Rice only three plays and 1:24 into the game, and made it 14-0 with a 51-yard pass to Rickey Watters on the 49ers' next possession. Both Rice and Watters scored three times in the win, and the 75 combined points set another Super Bowl record that still stands.

SUPER BOWL XXX

January 28, 1996
Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe
Attendance: **76,347**

	1	2	3	4	F
Cowboys	10	3	7	7	27
Steelers	0	7	0	10	17

MVP: Larry Brown (CB), **Cowboys**
2 interceptions, both leading to Cowboys touchdowns

Cornerback Larry Brown's two interceptions led to 14 second-half points, lifting the Cowboys to their third Super Bowl victory in four seasons and fifth title overall. Dallas scored on each of its first three possessions, taking a 13-0 lead behind Troy Aikman's 3-yard TD pass to Jay Novacek and two Chris Boniol field goals. The Steelers managed to stay close, pulling within 13-7 and then 20-17, but Brown's heroics kept Dallas ahead. Both of his pickoffs set up short scoring runs by Emmitt Smith, the second with just 3:43 remaining in the game.

SUPER BOWL XXXI

January 26, 1997
Superdome, New Orleans
Attendance: **72,301**

	1	2	3	4	F
Patriots	14	0	7	0	21
Packers	10	17	8	0	35

MVP: Desmond Howard (KR-PR), **Packers**
244 return yards, 99-yard kickoff return for TD

The NFC's Super Bowl win streak reached 13 games, thanks to big plays from Brett Favre and Desmond Howard that fueled the Packers. Favre threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third, while Howard's 99-yard kickoff-return TD in the third quarter stemmed New England's momentum. On Green Bay's second play from scrimmage, Favre hit Andre Rison for a 54-yard touchdown, and he later connected with Antonio Freeman on an 81-yard strike. But it wasn't until Howard's return late in the third quarter — on the heels of Curtis Martin's 18-yard rushing TD — that the Packers' lead was safe.

SUPER BOWL XXXII

January 25, 1998
Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego
Attendance: **68,912**

	1	2	3	4	F
Packers	7	7	3	7	24
Broncos	7	10	7	7	31

MVP: Terrell Davis (RB), **Broncos**
30 carries, 157 yards, 3 TDs

Terrell Davis rushed for 157 yards and a Super Bowl-record three touchdowns to lead the Broncos to their first NFL title and snap the NFC's streak of Super Bowl victories at 13. With the game knotted, 24-24, and just 3:27 left in regulation, the Broncos took over at the Packers 49. Davis rushed for 2 yards, and a 15-yard face-mask penalty moved the ball to the Packers 32. Three plays later, Davis' 17-yard run brought the ball to the 1, and after a timeout, he waltzed into the end zone for the go-ahead score. Green Bay drove to the Broncos 31 in the waning seconds, but John Mobley knocked away Brett Favre's fourth-down pass to preserve the victory.

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SUPER BOWL XXXIII

January 31, 1999
Pro Player Stadium, Miami
Attendance: 74,803

	1	2	3	4	F
Broncos	**7**	**10**	**0**	**17**	**34**
Falcons	3	3	0	13	19

MVP: John Elway (QB), **Broncos**
18 of 29 passing, 336 yards, 1 TD

Playing in his final game, John Elway shined while leading the Broncos to their second consecutive Super Bowl victory, the first AFC team to achieve that feat since the Steelers in Super Bowls XIII and XIV. Denver took the lead early, with Elway's 41-yard pass to Rod Smith setting up Howard Griffith's short TD run. Elway then fired an 80-yard scoring strike to Smith to put the Broncos ahead 17-3. In the second half, Darrien Gordon dashed any Atlanta thoughts of comeback with interceptions on back-to-back possessions that led to Denver scores, the second of those a 3-yard Elway TD run making it 31-6.

SUPER BOWL XXXIV

January 30, 2000
Georgia Dome, Atlanta
Attendance: 72,625

	1	2	3	4	F
Rams	**3**	**6**	**7**	**7**	**23**
Titans	0	0	6	10	16

MVP: Kurt Warner (QB), **Rams**
24 of 45 passing, 414 yards, 2 TDs

Mike Jones tackled the Titans' Kevin Dyson at the 1-yard line as time expired, securing the Rams' first Super Bowl title. For coach Dick Vermeil, the win came 19 years after he brought the Eagles to the Super Bowl, marking the longest stretch between Super Bowl appearances by a coach. St. Louis reached the red zone on each of its first six possessions, but could muster just three field goals and one touchdown. The Titans then rallied with two long TD drives and an Al Del Greco field goal to tie the game late in the fourth quarter. It was untied on the next play from scrimmage when Kurt Warner lofted a 73-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Bruce. Tennessee then drove deep into Rams territory, only to come up empty when Jones stopped Dyson shy of the goal line.

SUPER BOWL XXXV

January 28, 2001
Raymond James Stadium, Tampa
Attendance: 71,921

	1	2	3	4	F
Ravens	**7**	**3**	**14**	**10**	**34**
Giants	0	0	7	0	7

MVP: Ray Lewis (LB), **Ravens**
Star of a defense that allowed just 152 total yards

The Ravens' defense led the way by forcing five turnovers, recording four sacks, and not allowing an offensive touchdown as the franchise posted its first Super Bowl victory. There were 21 points scored in a dizzying 36-second span of the third quarter, starting when Baltimore's Duane Starks returned an interception 49 yards for a touchdown and a 17-0 Ravens lead. The Giants' Ron Dixon brought back the ensuing kickoff 97 yards for a score, but Jermaine Lewis matched it with a kickoff-return TD of his own. The Giants managed just one first down on their final four possessions.

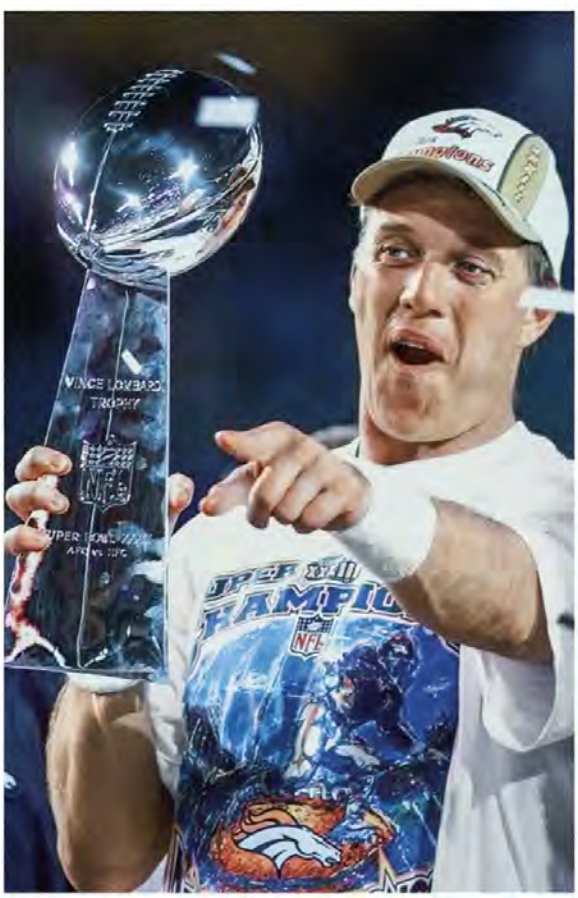
SUPER BOWL XXXVI

February 3, 2002
Superdome, New Orleans
Attendance: 72,922

	1	2	3	4	F
Rams	3	0	0	14	17
Patriots	**0**	**14**	**3**	**3**	**20**

MVP: Tom Brady (QB), **Patriots**
16 of 27 passing, 145 yards, 1 TD

Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard field goal proved the difference as the Patriots prevailed in the first Super Bowl in which the winning points were scored on the final play. Underdog New England had built a 17-3 lead, but the Rams tied things up with two fourth-quarter touchdowns — the second with just 1:30 to go — before Patriots QB Tom Brady positioned his team for the game-winning kick. He completed five passes on the final drive, three of those to J.R. Redmond and another a 23-yarder to Troy Brown that brought the ball into St. Louis territory.



John Elway concluded his Hall of Fame playing career by throwing for 336 yards and one touchdown in the Broncos' win over the Falcons in Super Bowl XXXIII. It marked back-to-back Super Bowl titles for Denver, which became the first AFC team to achieve that feat in 19 seasons.

The Ravens' Sam Adams (95) pressures Giants QB Kerry Collins in Super Bowl XXXV.

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Tom Brady (12) looks for a receiver during the Patriots' victory over the Panthers in Super Bowl XXXVIII.

SUPER BOWL XXXVII

January 26, 2003
Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego
Attendance: 67,603

	1	2	3	4	F
Raiders	3	0	6	12	21
Buccaneers	3	17	14	14	48

MVP: Dexter Jackson (S), **Buccaneers**
2 of team's 5 interceptions

Tampa Bay intercepted five Raiders passes, three that were returned for touchdowns, on its way to the franchise's first Super Bowl title. After an early field goal, Oakland managed just two first downs on its next nine possessions while the Buccaneers reeled off 34 straight points. Keenan McCardell ignited a decisive sequence, catching TD passes on back-to-back drives that put his team ahead, 27-3. Dwight Smith brought back pickoffs 44 and 50 yards for scores, and Derrick Brooks had a 44-yard interception-return TD after the Raiders narrowed the gap to 34-21 in the fourth quarter. The Bucs' defense limited Oakland to 269 total yards — 19 on the ground — and Tampa Bay enjoyed a 37:14 to 22:46 advantage in time of possession.

SUPER BOWL XXXVIII

February 1, 2004
Reliant Stadium, Houston
Attendance: 71,525

	1	2	3	4	F
Panthers	0	10	0	19	29
Patriots	0	14	0	18	32

MVP: Tom Brady (QB), **Patriots**
32 of 48 passing, 354 yards, 3 TDs

Another Super Bowl classic went the Patriots' way when Adam Vinatieri's 41-yard field goal with four seconds to play lifted New England to its second championship in three years. While it took a Super Bowl-record 26 minutes, 55 seconds for the first points to be scored, the teams eventually combined for 868 total yards — 481 by the Patriots — and had the highest-scoring fourth quarter (37 points) in Super Bowl history. Carolina briefly moved in front on an 85-yard Muhsin Muhammad TD reception and later tied the game on Ricky Proehl's 12-yard scoring catch with 1:08 remaining. But Tom Brady answered by driving the Patriots into field goal range, aided by Deion Branch's clutch 17-yard reception.

SUPER BOWL XXXIX

February 6, 2005
Alltel Stadium, Jacksonville
Attendance: 78,125

	1	2	3	4	F
Patriots	0	7	7	10	24
Eagles	0	7	7	7	21

MVP: Deion Branch (WR), **Patriots**
11 receptions, 133 yards

Behind a defense that forced four turnovers — including two fourth-quarter interceptions — the Patriots joined the Cowboys as the only teams to win three Super Bowls in a span of four seasons. New England took the lead for good early in the fourth quarter on a drive sparked by Kevin Faulk, who caught screen passes of 13 and 14 yards and added a 12-yard run. Corey Dillon capped the possession with his 2-yard touchdown run, and after Adam Vinatieri's 22-yard field goal made it 24-14, Tedy Bruschi and Rodney Harrison stepped up with interceptions that sealed the outcome.

SUPER BOWL XL

February 5, 2006
Ford Field, Detroit
Attendance: 68,206

	1	2	3	4	F
Seahawks	3	0	7	0	10
Steelers	0	7	7	7	21

MVP: Hines Ward (WR), **Steelers**
5 receptions, 123 yards, 1 TD

The Steelers finally earned their "one for the thumb," becoming the first AFC team to win five Super Bowls. Holding a tenuous 14-10 fourth-quarter lead, the game's key sequence came when cornerback Ike Taylor picked off a pass to stop a Seahawks threat. Pittsburgh quickly cashed in when Antwaan Randle El, a quarterback in college, took a handoff, sprinted right, then stopped and fired a 43-yard strike to Hines Ward for the first Super Bowl TD pass thrown by a wide receiver. In the third quarter, the Steelers' Willie Parker burst free for a Super Bowl-record 75-yard touchdown run.

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SUPER BOWL XLI

February 4, 2007
Dolphin Stadium, Miami Gardens
Attendance: 74,512

	1	2	3	4	F
Colts	6	10	6	7	29
Bears	14	0	3	0	17

MVP: Peyton Manning (QB), **Colts**
25 of 38 passing, 247 yards, 1 TD

A wet and wild night of Super Bowl firsts brought Tony Dungy, Peyton Manning, and the Colts to the top of the NFL. Dungy became the first Black head coach to win the Super Bowl while directing the franchise to its first crown since relocating to Indianapolis in 1984. It was also the first Super Bowl title for Manning, whose career saw him set league marks for completions, passing yards, and passing TDs. The game also marked the first time the opening kickoff was run back for a touchdown, accomplished when the Bears' Devin Hester sped 92 yards to give his team the early lead.

SUPER BOWL XLII

February 3, 2008
University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale
Attendance: 71,101

	1	2	3	4	F
Giants	3	0	0	14	17
Patriots	0	7	0	7	14

MVP: Eli Manning (QB), **Giants**
19 of 34 passing, 255 yards, 2 TDs

The Giants became the first NFC Wild Card team to win the Super Bowl, an achievement made possible by a relentless defense and David Tyree's brilliant 32-yard catch that set up the go-ahead touchdown. Plaxico Burress capped the winning drive with his 13-yard TD grab with 35 seconds to play, shocking a Patriots squad that entered the game 18-0 and had taken the lead just minutes earlier on Randy Moss' 6-yard touchdown reception. Michael Strahan, playing his final game, keyed a defense that produced five sacks, while the Giants' approach on offense included an opening drive that lasted a Super Bowl-record 9 minutes, 59 seconds and resulted in a field goal.

SUPER BOWL XLIII

February 1, 2009
Raymond James Stadium, Tampa
Attendance: 70,774

	1	2	3	4	F
Steelers	3	14	3	7	27
Cardinals	0	7	0	16	23

MVP: Santonio Holmes (WR), **Steelers**
9 receptions, 131 yards, 1 TD

In a game highlighted by clutch plays, the Steelers saved the biggest for last. The Cardinals nearly pulled off what would have been an historic comeback, scoring 16 points in a frenzied fourth quarter and taking the lead on Larry Fitzgerald's 64-yard touchdown catch with 2:37 to play. Pittsburgh answered with a 78-yard drive, winning the game on Ben Roethlisberger's 6-yard scoring pass to Santonio Holmes. The game also saw the Steelers' James Harrison return an interception 100 yards for a touchdown on the final play before halftime.

SUPER BOWL XLIV

February 7, 2010
Sun Life Stadium, Miami Gardens
Attendance: 74,059

	1	2	3	4	F
Saints	0	6	10	15	31
Colts	10	0	7	0	17

MVP: Drew Brees (QB), **Saints**
32 of 39 passing, 288 yards, 2 TDs

Lifting the spirits of a community recovering from Hurricane Katrina, the Saints capped a memorable season by edging the Colts for their first Super Bowl title. They did it with a daring play call to start the second half — an onside kick that was recovered by Chris Reis and set up a six-play drive that Drew Brees finished with a 16-yard TD pass to Pierre Thomas. Jeremy Shockey's fourth-quarter scoring grab moved New Orleans in front to stay, and Tracy Porter put the game away with his 74-yard interception-return touchdown with 3:12 remaining.

Eli Manning (10) directed what many consider the biggest upset in Super Bowl history, the Giants' 17-14 win over the Patriots in Super Bowl XLII. Manning's Giants would defeat New England again four years later in Super Bowl XLVI.

Mike Tomlin became the third Steelers head coach to win a Super Bowl — joining Chuck Noll and Bill Cowher — when his team edged the Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII.

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Percy Harvin (11) heads to the end zone with an 87-yard kickoff-return touchdown to open the second half of the Seahawks' win over Denver in Super Bowl XLVIII. It's the most recent of 10 kickoffs that have been brought back for a touchdown in Super Bowl history.

SUPER BOWL XLV

February 6, 2011
Cowboys Stadium, Arlington
Attendance: 91,060

	1	2	3	4	F
Steelers	0	10	7	8	25
Packers	14	7	0	10	31

MVP: Aaron Rodgers (QB), **Packers**
24 of 39 passing, 304 yards, 3 TDs

Aaron Rodgers threw three TD passes and Nick Collins returned an interception for another score, sparking the Packers to their fourth Super Bowl title. The Steelers had trailed, 21-3, but tallied two touchdowns to get close and were on the move again early in the fourth quarter. That's when Green Bay linebacker Clay Matthews stripped the ball from running back Rashard Mendenhall at the Packers 33 and teammate Desmond Bishop recovered. Rodgers then marched Green Bay to a quick TD that extended his team's lead to 28-17.

SUPER BOWL XLVI

February 5, 2012
Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis
Attendance: 68,658

	1	2	3	4	F
Giants	9	0	6	6	21
Patriots	0	10	7	0	17

MVP: Eli Manning (QB), **Giants**
30 of 40 passing, 296 yards, 1 TD

In the first Super Bowl to feature two starting quarterbacks who previously won the big game's MVP Award, Eli Manning and the Giants edged Tom Brady and the Patriots, scoring a late TD for the victory. Manning set a record by opening a Super Bowl with nine consecutive completions; Brady later put together a run of 16 completions in a row, breaking another Super Bowl mark. But with time counting down, Manning directed a nine-play, 88-yard drive that moved New York ahead to stay, capped when Ahmad Bradshaw ran for the winning touchdown with just under a minute to play.

SUPER BOWL XLVII

February 3, 2013
Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans
Attendance: 71,024

	1	2	3	4	F
Ravens	7	14	7	6	34
49ers	3	3	17	8	31

MVP: Joe Flacco (QB), **Ravens**
22 of 33 passing, 287 yards, 3 TDs

The Ravens built a big lead and then held on to hand the 49ers their first Super Bowl loss in six appearances. Joe Flacco threw three first-half TDs — capping a stellar 11-touchdown, zero-interception postseason — and Jacoby Jones opened the third quarter with a Super Bowl-record 108-yard kickoff-return touchdown that put Baltimore ahead, 28-6. The 49ers, however, would rally, scoring three second-half TDs and reaching the Ravens 5-yard line before being stopped on downs with under two minutes to play. Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis added his name to the list of legends whose final game was a Super Bowl victory.

SUPER BOWL XLVIII

February 2, 2014
MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford
Attendance: 82,529

	1	2	3	4	F
Seahawks	8	14	14	7	43
Broncos	0	0	8	0	8

MVP: Malcolm Smith (LB), **Seahawks**
9 tackles, 69-yard interception-return TD

In what was expected to be the first cold-weather Super Bowl — but instead kicked off in pleasant 49-degree conditions at MetLife Stadium — Seattle cruised past the Broncos. The game featured the quickest points to open a Super Bowl; the Seahawks scored on a safety just 12 seconds into the contest. More big plays followed. Seattle LB Malcolm Smith, the first defender in 11 years to be named the game's MVP, broke things open by bringing back a second-quarter interception 69 yards for a TD, and Percy Harvin returned the second-half kickoff 87 yards for another Seattle touchdown, making the score 29-0.

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SUPER BOWL XLIX

February 1, 2015
University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale
Attendance: **70,288**

	1	2	3	4	F
Patriots	0	14	0	14	28
Seahawks	0	14	10	0	24

MVP: Tom Brady (QB), **Patriots**
37 of 50 passing, 328 yards, 4 TDs

Tom Brady threw four touchdown passes, including the go-ahead score to Julian Edelman with 2:02 remaining, and Malcolm Butler intercepted a pass at the goal line with 20 seconds left to preserve the Patriots' fourth Super Bowl win. Brady's third TD throw was his 12th in the Super Bowl, breaking Joe Montana's career record. Still, Seattle nearly pulled off an improbable victory, moving deep into New England territory on Jermaine Kearse's acrobatic 33-yard catch, before Butler came up big two plays later, stepping in front of a pass for the game-saving interception. The Patriots became the first team to win the Super Bowl after trailing by double figures in the fourth quarter.

SUPER BOWL 50

February 7, 2016
Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara
Attendance: **71,088**

	1	2	3	4	F
Panthers	0	7	0	3	10
Broncos	10	3	3	8	24

MVP: Von Miller (LB), **Broncos**
6 tackles, 2.5 sacks, 2 forced fumbles

Defense carried the day for the Broncos, who won their third Super Bowl title by flustering a Panthers offense that had scored an NFL-best 500 points during the regular season. Denver recorded seven sacks — equaling the Super Bowl record by a team — and linebacker Von Miller forced a pair of fumbles that led to the Broncos' two TDs. The first was scooped up by teammate Malik Jackson in the end zone for a 10-0 lead; the second set up C.J. Anderson's short scoring run. T.J. Ward did his part, too, with seven tackles and one pass defensed. The victory made Peyton Manning the first starting QB to win Super Bowls with two different franchises.

SUPER BOWL LI

February 5, 2017
NRG Stadium, Houston
Attendance: **70,807**

	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Patriots	0	3	6	19	6	34
Falcons	0	21	7	0	0	28

MVP: Tom Brady (QB), **Patriots**
43 of 62 passing, 466 yards, 2 TDs

New England staged the biggest comeback in Super Bowl history, rallying from a 25-point deficit late in the third quarter to prevail in overtime for the franchise's fifth championship. It would have been hard to imagine such an outcome after Matt Ryan's 6-yard touchdown pass to Tevin Coleman gave Atlanta a 28-3 lead, but Patriots QB Tom Brady — who became the first four-time Super Bowl MVP — made it happen. He threw TD passes to James White and Danny Amendola, Stephen Gostkowski kicked a 33-yard field goal, and a White touchdown run and a two-point conversion then tied it to cap a frantic final 17 minutes of regulation. White won the game with a 2-yard TD run on the first possession of overtime.

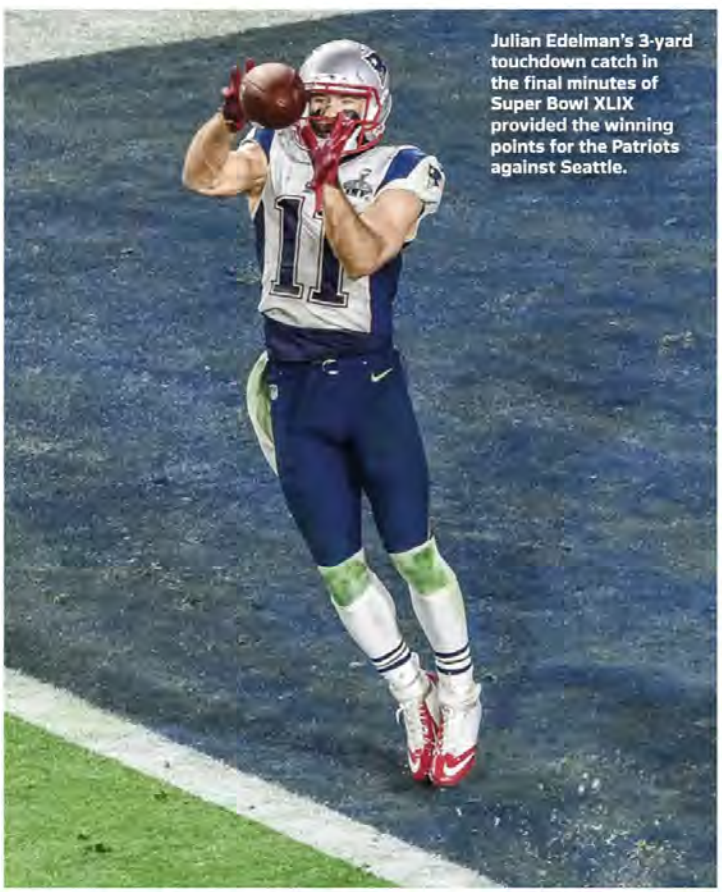
SUPER BOWL LII

February 4, 2018
U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis
Attendance: **67,612**

	1	2	3	4	F
Eagles	9	13	7	12	41
Patriots	3	9	14	7	33

MVP: Nick Foles (QB), **Eagles**
28 of 43 passing, 373 yards, 3 TDs; 1 TD reception

Zach Ertz's touchdown catch with 2:21 remaining put the Eagles ahead, but it still took a big defensive play by Brandon Graham and Derek Barnett to preserve the franchise's first Super Bowl victory. Graham strip-sacked QB Tom Brady on the Patriots' next possession and Barnett recovered the loose ball. The game featured 1,151 total yards, the most ever in an NFL game, and Brady threw for a Super Bowl-record 505 yards. MVP Nick Foles became the first player to both throw and catch a TD pass in the Super Bowl, with his 1-yard scoring grab on a fourth-down play just before halftime giving Philadelphia a 22-12 lead.



Julian Edelman's 3-yard touchdown catch in the final minutes of Super Bowl XLIX provided the winning points for the Patriots against Seattle.

Denver's C.J. Anderson (22) celebrates his 2-yard touchdown run that clinched the Broncos' win over Carolina in Super Bowl 50. Anderson rushed for a game-high 90 yards in the victory.

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Rob Gronkowski (87) had two touchdown catches in the Bucs' Super Bowl LV victory over the Chiefs at Raymond James Stadium, when Tampa Bay became the first team to win a Super Bowl on its home field.

SUPER BOWL LIII

February 3, 2019
Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta
Attendance: 70,081

	1	2	3	4	F
Patriots	0	3	0	10	13
Rams	0	0	3	0	3

MVP: Julian Edelman (WR), **Patriots**
10 receptions, 141 yards

On the heels of the highest-scoring season in NFL history, the Patriots and the Rams tangled in the lowest-scoring Super Bowl ever seen. New England prevailed to capture its sixth Super Bowl crown — all since the 2001 season — to tie the Steelers for the all-time record. Sony Michel accounted for the game's lone touchdown, a 2-yard run midway through the fourth quarter that snapped a 3-3 tie and came one play after QB Tom Brady lofted a perfect pass to Rob Gronkowski for a 29-yard gain. Stephen Gostkowski then added a 41-yard field goal with 1:12 remaining to provide New England with a late cushion. In between those two scores, the Rams marched to the Patriots 27-yard line, but their threat ended when Jared Goff's pass deep down the right side was picked off by Stephon Gilmore.

SUPER BOWL LIV

February 2, 2020
Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens
Attendance: 62,417

	1	2	3	4	F
49ers	3	7	10	0	20
Chiefs	7	3	0	21	31

MVP: Patrick Mahomes (QB), **Chiefs**
26 of 42 passing, 286 yards, 2 TDs; 29 yards rushing, 1 TD

Kansas City erupted for three TDs in a span of 5:01 late in the fourth quarter to overtake the 49ers and win the franchise's first Super Bowl title in a half century. Patrick Mahomes threw touchdown passes to Travis Kelce and Damien Williams — the latter putting the Chiefs ahead — and Williams added a 38-yard scoring run with 1:12 remaining to pad the lead. San Francisco had snapped a halftime tie with a 42-yard Robbie Gould field goal and Raheem Mostert's 1-yard TD run, before Kansas City, facing its third double-digit deficit of the postseason, rallied. Williams rushed for a game-high 104 yards and Tyreek Hill caught nine of Mahomes' 26 completions.

SUPER BOWL LV

February 7, 2021
Raymond James Stadium, Tampa
Attendance: 24,835

	1	2	3	4	F
Chiefs	3	3	3	0	9
Buccaneers	7	14	10	0	31

MVP: Tom Brady (QB), **Buccaneers**
21 of 29 passing, 201 yards, 3 TDs

Adding another chapter to his legendary career, quarterback Tom Brady directed the Buccaneers to a Super Bowl triumph in his first year with the team. It marked Brady's seventh career title, following six with the Patriots, and the fifth time he won the Rozelle Award as the game's MVP. He threw three first-half touchdown passes, two to longtime teammate Rob Gronkowski and the other to Antonio Brown just six seconds before intermission. Equally impressive was the Tampa Bay defense, which kept the Chiefs, who averaged nearly 30 ppg during the regular season, out of the end zone. Linebacker Devin White paced that effort with 12 tackles and an interception. Played against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, a crowd of nearly 25,000 was in attendance to witness the Bucs become the first team to win the Super Bowl in their home stadium.

SUPER BOWL LVI

February 13, 2022
SoFi Stadium, Inglewood
Attendance: 70,048

	1	2	3	4	F
Rams	7	6	3	7	23
Bengals	3	7	10	0	20

MVP: Cooper Kupp (WR), **Rams**
8 receptions, 92 yards, 2 TDs

Riding a defense that equaled a Super Bowl record with seven sacks — six of those after halftime — the Rams rallied late to upend the Bengals. Cooper Kupp caught four passes on the game-winning drive, including a 1-yard TD with 1:25 remaining that came shortly after he kept L.A.'s hopes alive with a 7-yard run on fourth-and-1. Rams QB Matthew Stafford threw three touchdown passes: two to Kupp and the other a 17-yarder to Odell Beckham Jr. to open the scoring. Cincinnati took a 17-13 lead on Joe Burrow's 75-yard TD pass to Tee Higgins 13 seconds into the third quarter, but its offense struggled after that, converting just 1-of-8 third downs the rest of the way. Aaron Donald and Von Miller each had two sacks for the victors, while at age 36, Sean McVay became the youngest Super Bowl-winning head coach.

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Patrick Mahomes raises the Vince Lombardi Trophy following the Chiefs' OT victory against the 49ers in Super Bowl LVIII. It marked the fourth title in franchise history and the third for Mahomes, who also was named the game's MVP.

SUPER BOWL LVII

February 12, 2023
State Farm Stadium, Glendale
Attendance: 67,827

	1	2	3	4	F
Chiefs	**7**	**7**	**7**	**17**	**38**
Eagles	7	17	3	8	35

MVP: Patrick Mahomes (QB), **Chiefs**
21 of 27 passing, 182 yards, 3 TDs; 44 rushing yards

Patrick Mahomes threw a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown passes and added a key 26-yard run that set up the game-winning field goal as the Chiefs rallied past Philadelphia. The Eagles had built a 10-point halftime lead before a wild fourth quarter saw Kansas City take its first lead, 28-27, on Kadarius Toney's 5-yard TD reception with 12:04 to play. After K.C.'s defense made a big stop, Toney brought back the punt a Super Bowl-record 65 yards to set up another touchdown. The Eagles would knot things up on Jalen Hurts' third TD run of the game and subsequent 2-point conversion, before the Chiefs drove the field and prevailed on Harrison Butker's 28-yard field goal with 8 seconds remaining.

SUPER BOWL LVIII

February 11, 2024
Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas
Attendance: 61,629

	1	2	3	4	OT	F
49ers	0	10	0	9	3	22
Chiefs	**0**	**3**	**10**	**6**	**6**	**25**

MVP: Patrick Mahomes (QB), **Chiefs**
34 of 46 passing, 333 yards, 2 TDs; 66 rushing yards

With their overtime victory against the 49ers, the Chiefs became the first team in 19 seasons to win back-to-back Super Bowls. Kansas City trailed by 10 points early but scored on a pair of Harrison Butker field goals — the second of those a Super Bowl-record 57-yarder — and then took advantage of a muffed punt return to set up Patrick Mahomes' 24-yard touchdown pass to Marquez Valdes-Scantling for its first lead of the game. The 49ers were back in front as the clock counted down, but Butker's 29-yard field goal in the final seconds sent the game into the extra session. After San Francisco kicked a field goal on its first OT possession, Mahomes drove the Chiefs to victory, converting a fourth-and-one with an 8-yard run to keep the game alive before zipping a pass to Mecole Hardman in the right flat for the game-winning touchdown.

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1921 CHICAGO STALEYS
1922 CANTON BULLDOGS
1923 CANTON BULLDOGS
1924 CLEVELAND BULLDOGS
1925 CHICAGO CARDINALS
1926 FRANKFORD YELLOW JACKETS
1927 NEW YORK GIANTS
1928 PROVIDENCE STEAM ROLLER
1929 GREEN BAY PACKERS
1930 GREEN BAY PACKERS
1931 GREEN BAY PACKERS

1932	PORTSMOUTH SPARTANS	0
	CHICAGO BEARS	**9**
1933	NEW YORK GIANTS	21
	CHICAGO BEARS	**23**
1934	CHICAGO BEARS	13
	NEW YORK GIANTS	**30**
1935	NEW YORK GIANTS	7
	DETROIT LIONS	**26**
1936*	**WASHINGTON REDSKINS**	**21**
	BOSTON BRAVES	6
1937	**WASHINGTON REDSKINS**	**28**
	CHICAGO BEARS	21
1938	GREEN BAY PACKERS	17
	NEW YORK GIANTS	**23**
1939	NEW YORK GIANTS	0
	GREEN BAY PACKERS	**27**
1940	**CHICAGO BEARS**	**73**
	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	0
1941	NEW YORK GIANTS	9
	CHICAGO BEARS	**37**
1942	CHICAGO BEARS	6
	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	**14**
1943	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	21
	CHICAGO BEARS	**41**
1944	**GREEN BAY PACKERS**	**14**
	NEW YORK GIANTS	7
1945	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	14
	CLEVELAND RAMS	**15**
1946	**CHICAGO BEARS**	**24**
	NEW YORK GIANTS	14
1947	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	21
	CHICAGO CARDINALS	**28**
1948	CHICAGO CARDINALS	0
	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	**7**
1949	**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**	**14**
	LOS ANGELES RAMS	0
1950	LOS ANGELES RAMS	28
	CLEVELAND BROWNS	**30**
1951	CLEVELAND BROWNS	17
	LOS ANGELES RAMS	**24**
1952	**DETROIT LIONS**	**17**
	CLEVELAND BROWNS	7
1953	CLEVELAND BROWNS	16
	DETROIT LIONS	**17**
1954	DETROIT LIONS	10
	CLEVELAND BROWNS	**56**
1955	**CLEVELAND BROWNS**	**38**
	LOS ANGELES RAMS	14
1956	CHICAGO BEARS	7
	NEW YORK GIANTS	**47**
1957	CLEVELAND BROWNS	14
	DETROIT LIONS	**59**
1958	**BALTIMORE COLTS**	**23** (OT)
	NEW YORK GIANTS	17
1959	NEW YORK GIANTS	16
	BALTIMORE COLTS	**31**
1960	GREEN BAY PACKERS	13
	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	**17**
1961	NEW YORK GIANTS	0
	GREEN BAY PACKERS	**37**
1962	**GREEN BAY PACKERS**	**16**
	NEW YORK GIANTS	7
1963	NEW YORK GIANTS	10
	CHICAGO BEARS	**14**
1964	BALTIMORE COLTS	0
	CLEVELAND BROWNS	**27**
1965	CLEVELAND BROWNS	12
	GREEN BAY PACKERS	**23**
1966	**GREEN BAY PACKERS**	**34**
	DALLAS COWBOYS	27
1967	DALLAS COWBOYS	17
	GREEN BAY PACKERS	**21**
1968	**BALTIMORE COLTS**	**34**
	CLEVELAND BROWNS	0
1969	CLEVELAND BROWNS	7
	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	**27**

The Bills' Butch Byrd (42) returns a punt 74 yards for a touchdown in the 1965 AFL Championship Game against the Chargers, a 23-0 Buffalo victory. A three-time First Team All-AFL cornerback, Byrd played for the Bills from 1964-70 and still holds the franchise record for career interceptions with 40.

The AFL began play in 1960, and from 1966-1969 (before the merger), the two leagues held separate title games prior to the Super Bowl.

AFL CHAMPIONS

1960	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	16
	HOUSTON OILERS	**24**
1961	**HOUSTON OILERS**	**10**
	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	3
1962	**DALLAS TEXANS**	**20** (OT)
	HOUSTON OILERS	17
1963	BOSTON PATRIOTS	10
	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	**51**
1964	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	7
	BUFFALO BILLS	**20**
1965	**BUFFALO BILLS**	**23**
	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	0
1966	**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**	**31**
	BUFFALO BILLS	7
1967	HOUSTON OILERS	7
	OAKLAND RAIDERS	**40**
1968	OAKLAND RAIDERS	23
	NEW YORK JETS	**27**
1969	**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**	**17**
	OAKLAND RAIDERS	7

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MOST TOUCHDOWNS
(CAREER)

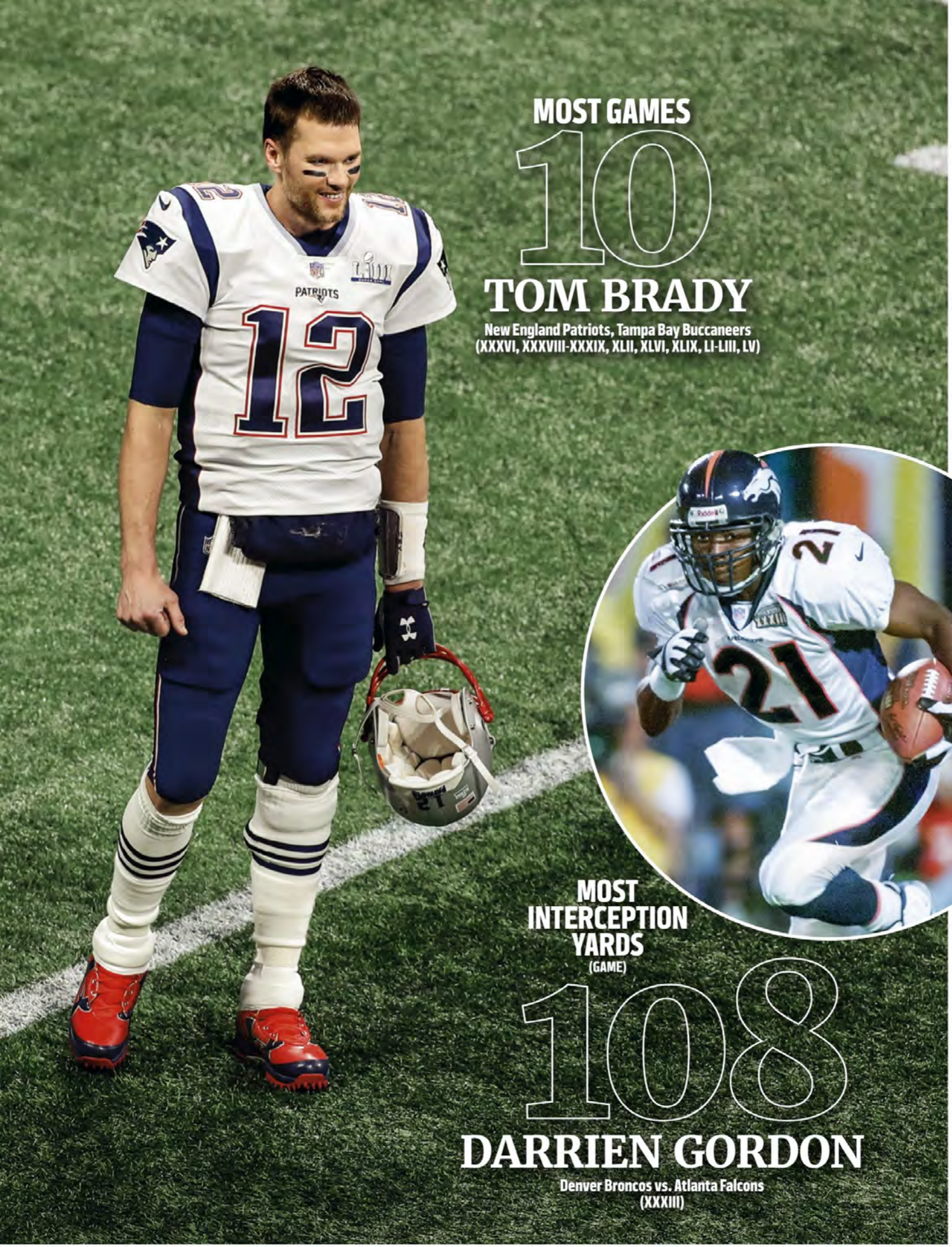
8

JERRY RICE
San Francisco 49ers, Oakland Raiders
(4 GAMES: XXIII, XXIV, XXIX, XXXVII)

MOST RUSHING YARDS
(CAREER)

354

FRANCO HARRIS
Pittsburgh Steelers
(4 GAMES: IX, X, XIII, XIV)



MOST GAMES

10

TOM BRADY

New England Patriots, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
(XXXVI, XXXVIII-XXXIX, XLII, XLVI, XLIX, LI-LIII, LV)

MOST INTERCEPTION YARDS

(GAME)

108

DARRIEN GORDON

Denver Broncos vs. Atlanta Falcons
(XXXIII)

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MOST INTERCEPTION-RETURN TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)

2

DWIGHT SMITH

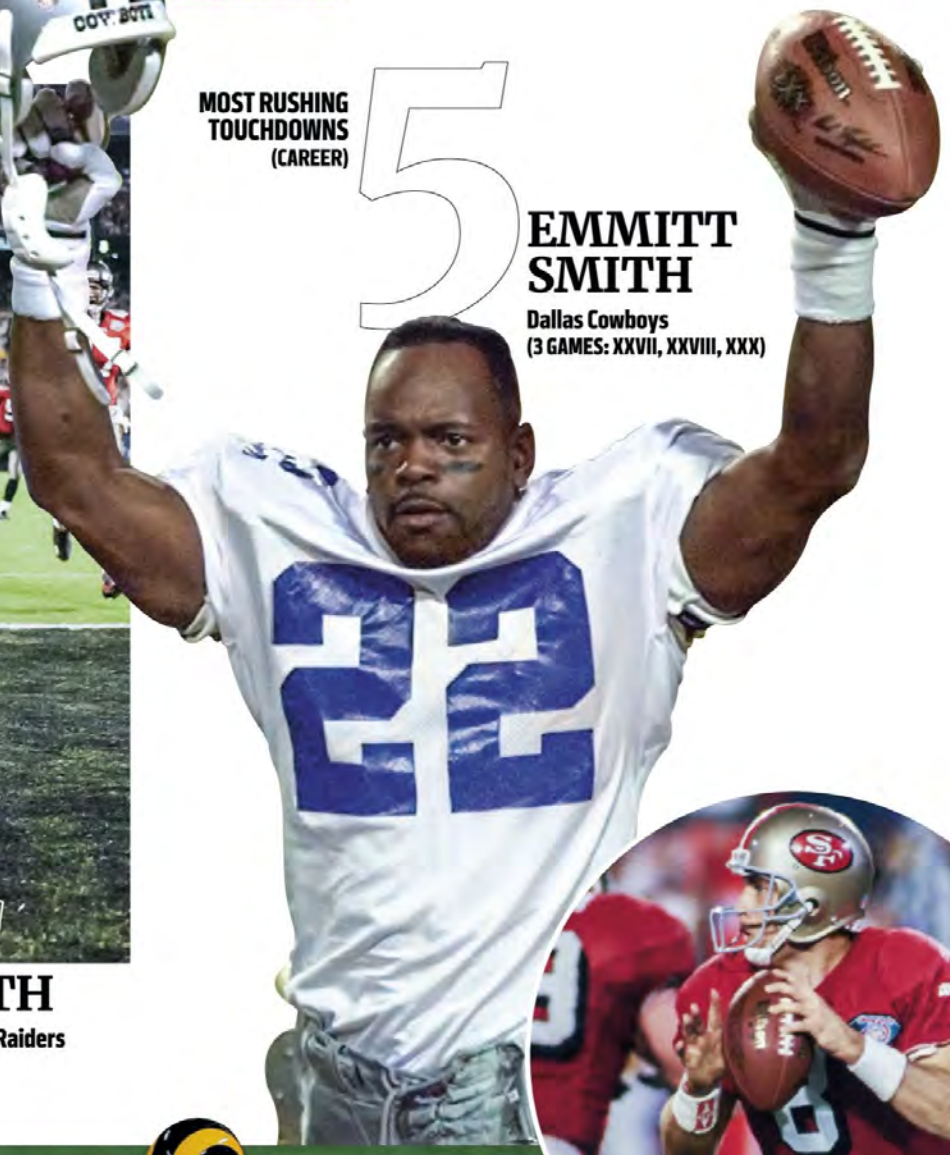
Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs. Oakland Raiders (XXXVII)

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)

5

EMMITT SMITH

Dallas Cowboys (3 GAMES: XXVII, XXVIII, XXX)



MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)

6

STEVE YOUNG

San Francisco 49ers vs. San Diego Chargers (XXIX)

LONGEST PUNT

65 yards

JOHNNY HEKKER

Los Angeles Rams vs. New England Patriots (LIII)

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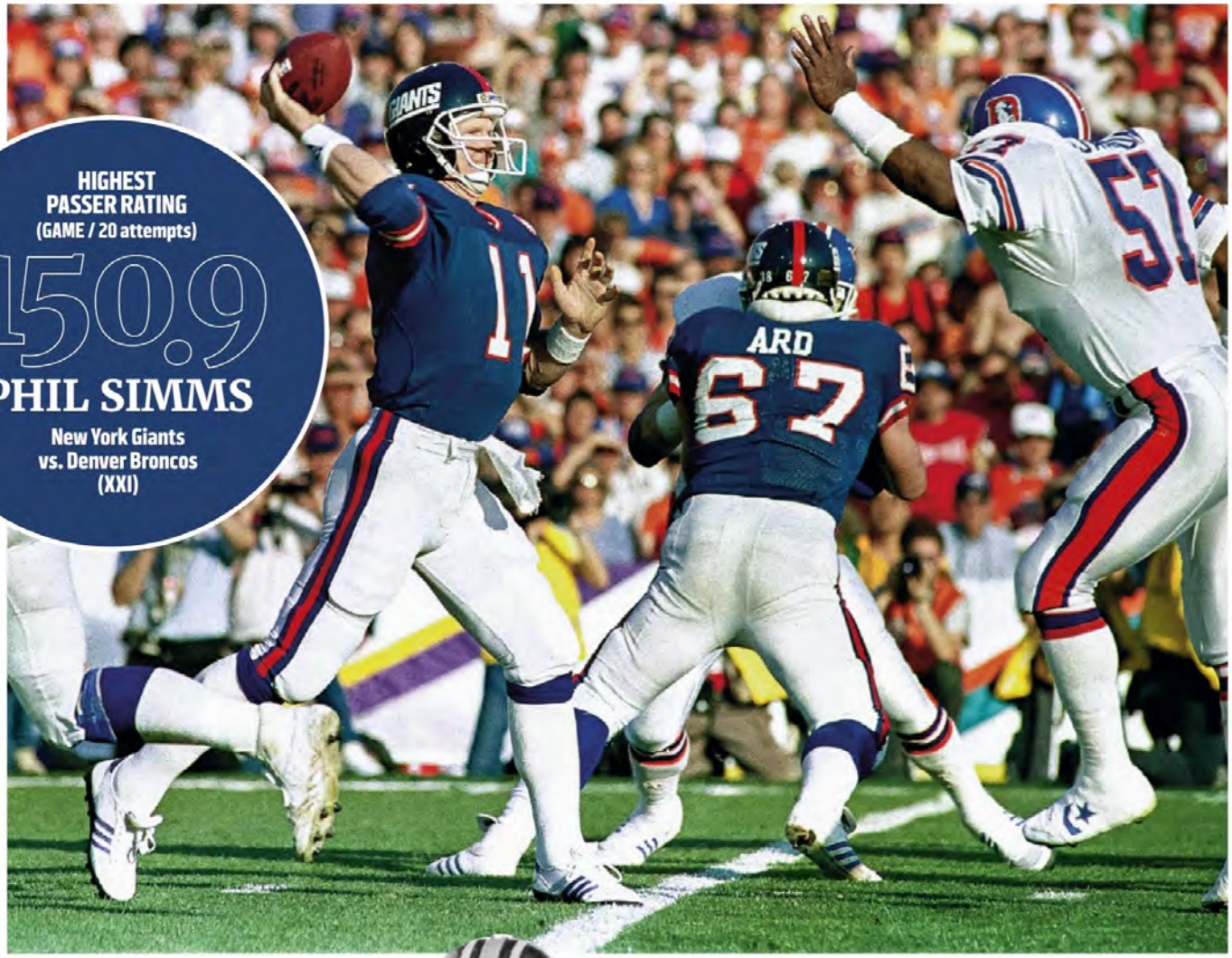


HIGHEST PASSER RATING
(GAME / 20 attempts)

150.9

PHIL SIMMS

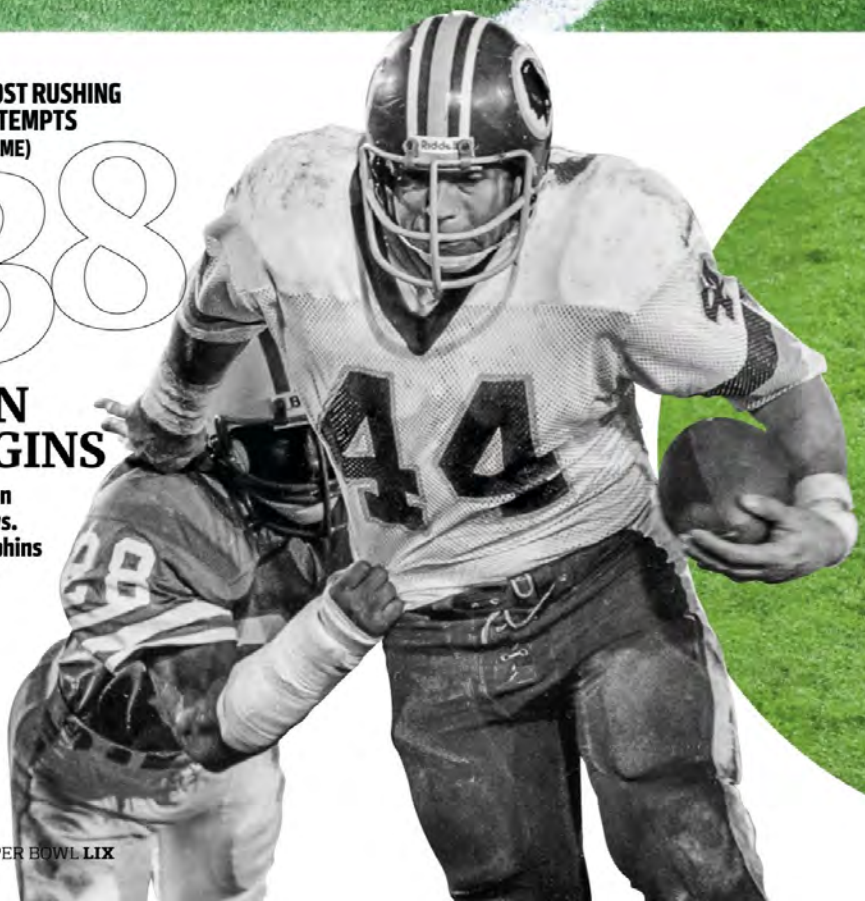
New York Giants vs. Denver Broncos (XXI)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS
(GAME)

38

JOHN RIGGINS

Washington Redskins vs. Miami Dolphins (XVII)



MOST RECEPTIONS
(GAME)

14

JAMES WHITE

New England Patriots vs. Atlanta Falcons (LI)

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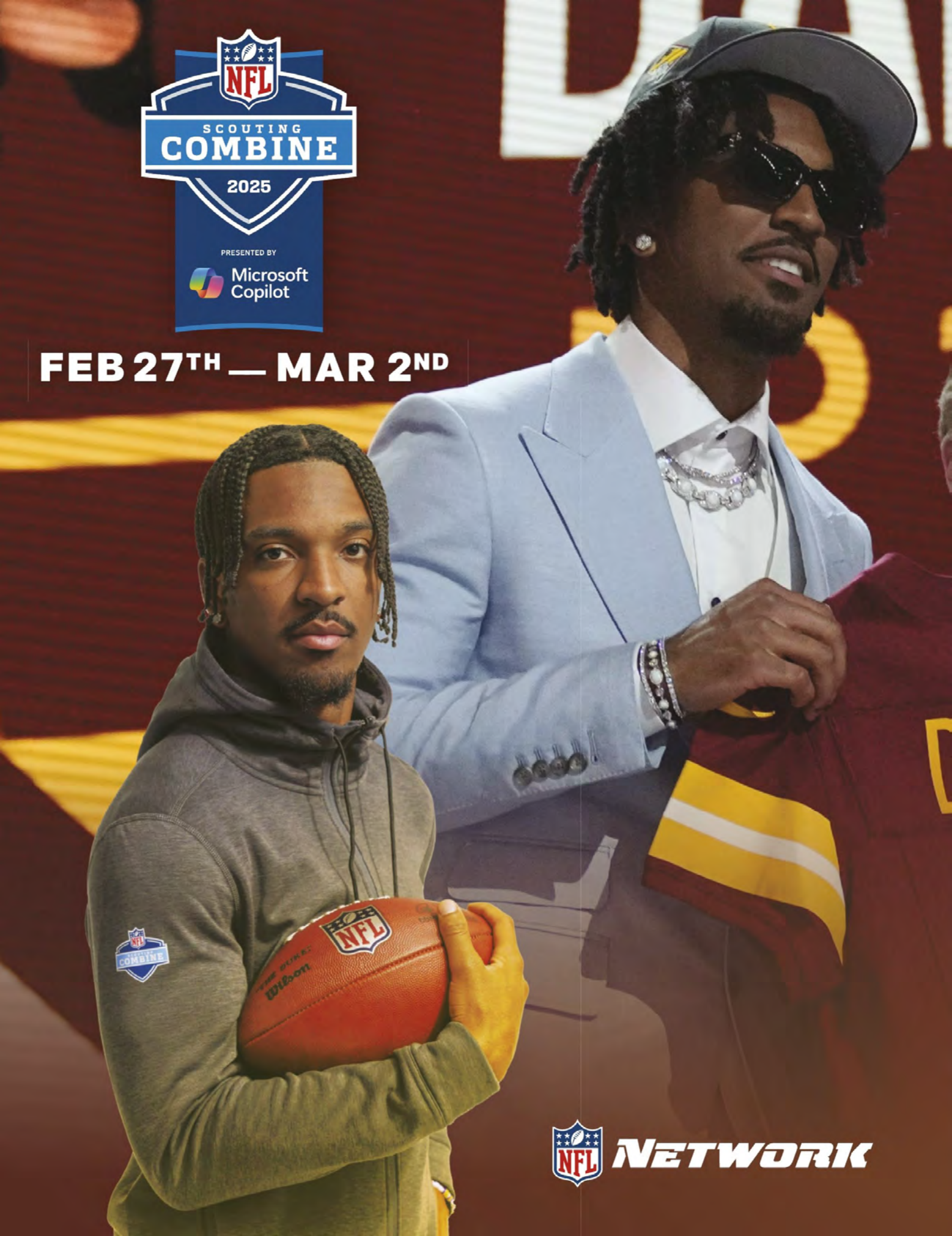
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(CAREER / 40 attempts)

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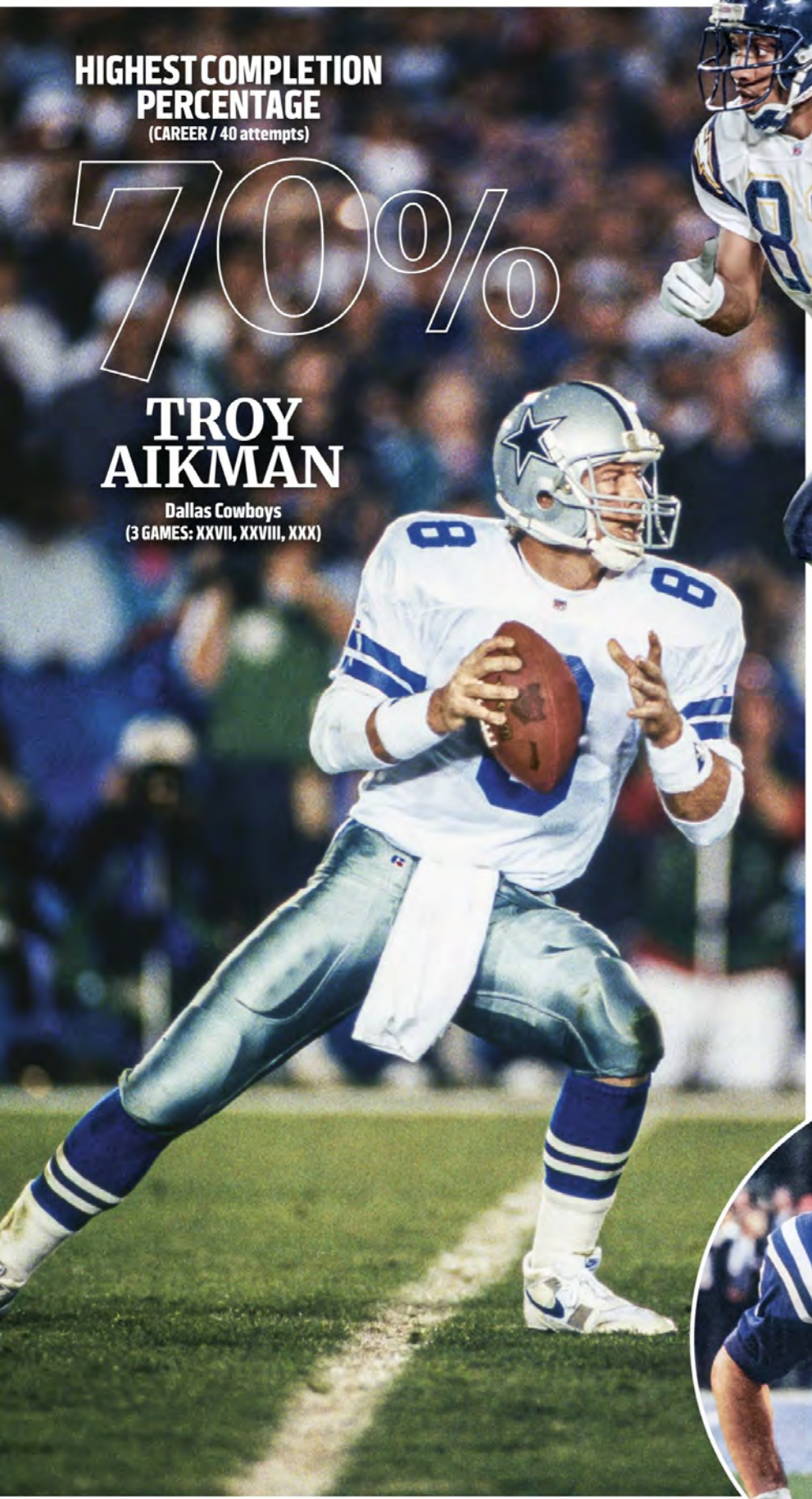
TROY AIKMAN
Dallas Cowboys
(3 GAMES: XXVII, XXVIII, XXX)



MOST KICKOFF-RETURN YARDS
(GAME)

244

ANDRE COLEMAN
San Diego Chargers
vs. San Francisco 49ers
(XXIX)

HIGHEST RUSHING AVERAGE
(GAME/10 attempts)

10.5 yards

TOM MATTE
Baltimore Colts vs. N.Y. Jets (III)

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WORLD VIEW

WITH A COMMITMENT TO GAMES, PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, AND FAN OUTREACH, THE NFL CONTINUES TO EXPAND ITS GLOBAL PRESENCE.

BY NEIL REYNOLDS

October's NFL Foundation UK event had a royal presence with Britain's Prince William taking part in drills and playing flag football with youngsters.

Welsh rugby star Louis Rees-Zammit is now trying to make his mark in the NFL. A participant in the NFL's International Pathway Program, he spent the 2024 season on the Jaguars' practice squad.

Clinton Azubuike is one of the many success stories coming out of the NFL Academy. The Lagos, Nigeria, native earned a scholarship to Northern Arizona and recently completed his freshman season.

KIN CHEUNG/AP IMAGES (Prince William); DAVE SHOPLAND/AP IMAGES (Rees-Zammit); RUI VIEIRA/AP IMAGES (Inset)

LA CASA DEL MEJOR DEPORTE DEL MUNDO EN TU IDIOMA

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Saquon Barkley (26) and Dallas Goedert (88) lead the Eagles onto the field prior to their game vs. the Packers in São Paulo.

When discussing the NFL's international growth each year, the most obvious starting point is to look at how many games were played around the world that season. The 2024 campaign saw five such regular-season contests — three in the United Kingdom and one each in Brazil and Germany — held across three memorable months.

But there was, perhaps, a more meaningful indicator of the league's global impact that took place on a gray mid-October day in South London. During the build-up to the Jacksonville Jaguars' clash with the New England Patriots at Wembley Stadium, the future King of the United Kingdom, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, attended an NFL Foundation UK event in Kennington.

He eagerly immersed himself into the action, playing flag football with boys and girls from across England's capital who are benefiting from the charity's mission to use American football to engage with and inspire young people in deprived areas.

NFL Executive Vice President of Club Business and League Events Peter O'Reilly immediately realized what the moment represented.

"You have Prince William at a well-established Foundation that is having a really meaningful impact in the UK, as we should be because it means we are a part of that community," O'Reilly says.

"He is playing and teaching girls and boys flag football, which is now an Olympic sport. And there is a young man there in Louis Rees-Zammit, one of the best rugby players in the world out of Wales who made the decision to leave that life and make a run at the National Football League. That little ecosystem around that event is a pretty powerful statement about how far we've come."

Rees-Zammit has been one of the biggest headline-makers on the NFL's international journey over the past 12 months. After scoring five tries for Wales at the 2023 Rugby Union World Cup, the speedy wing known as "Rees Lightning" joined the NFL's International Player Pathway [IPP] program and, after 10 weeks of intense training in Florida, was signed by the Kansas City Chiefs. Though released at the end of training camp, Rees-Zammit hooked on with the Jaguars and spent the 2024 season as a wide receiver on their practice squad.

The 24-year-old says: "IPP was 10 weeks of pure graft and learning as much as we could because it was our first time running routes, doing little movements, and learning a lot in the classroom. It definitely helped me, and I'm very grateful for that.

"I've got to be patient because I'm competing with the best of the best and I've never played this sport before. The more I grind and get better, the opportunities will come. This is my dream, and I'm chasing it."

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell met Rees-Zammit ahead of Jacksonville's Week 6 showdown with the Chicago Bears in London and said: "I think he's everything you would want in an athlete. He is so passionate about his experience and determined to be an NFL player, which I love to see.

"He talked about other players wanting to do it from the

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rugby world. When people see players make that transition, it opens the door and others are going to follow."

On the field, the NFL made a bold international statement on the opening Friday of the 2024 season when the Philadelphia Eagles recorded a 34-29 victory over the Green Bay Packers in São Paolo, Brazil.

Eagles head coach Nick Sirianni was hugely impressed with the fans in attendance, expressing, "Brazil! Thank you! What an unbelievable atmosphere for a football game. It felt like a playoff atmosphere; people of Brazil, that was something incredible."

O'Reilly adds, "We had a fan base in Brazil that was strong with 36 million fans, but the move to bring a game there, that's the catalyst, that's the galvanizing force. The first step forward is a big one because it wakes up a market and the fan base becomes energized.

"Being on the South American continent was a big first step. We will be back in Brazil and that is an ongoing commitment. What this will never be is just coming in, playing a game, and leaving."

While the NFL looked at Brazil from a league-wide perspective, Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts felt the experience on a personal level.

"I'm a kid from east Houston who used to play on the streets, and now I have the opportunity to come this far and be where we are. My spirit is full of gratitude to be here," he said prior to the game. "It's a blessing to play an international game and to enjoy this moment with the people of Brazil."

The NFL's traveling roadshow returned to London with three games in October, taking the number of regular-season contests played in the UK to 39 since 2007. The Minnesota Vikings defeated the New York Jets, the Bears beat the Jaguars, and the Jags rebounded a week later with a win over the Patriots.

Speaking in London in October, Goodell stressed: "All 32 teams have been here, some multiple times. And they come back (to the US) saying, 'That was really special.' The fans of the NFL in the UK have written the history of the NFL internationally because they were the ones who supported it and gave us the confidence that this could be very big and very successful on a global scale. We have a deep appreciation for and gratitude toward the UK fans."

In Germany, the NFL played a regular-season game for a fourth time, returning to the site of the first — Munich — as the Carolina Panthers recorded a 20-17 overtime win against the New York Giants in front of more than 71,000 fans at Allianz Arena.

The powerful reception wasn't lost on Panthers head coach Dave Canales, who noted, "It was absolutely electric in the stadium. The energy from the crowd, it's just non-stop. It was a great experience."

NFL Commissioner (left) Roger Goodell exchanges gifts with Corinthians President Augusto Melo at the Eagles vs. Packers game in São Paulo. The contest was held at Corinthians Arena, home to the famed Brazilian soccer team.

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MIDDLE RIGHT: Members of the Giants and the Panthers watch as referee Shawn Hochuli tosses the coin prior to their November game at Allianz Arena in Munich.
BOTTOM RIGHT: The October 20 Jaguars-Patriots game at Wembley Stadium drew 86,651 fans, the largest attendance for an NFL game in London.

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ABOVE: Vikings cornerback Byron Murphy tackles the Jets' Garrett Wilson (5) during October's game at London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. TOP RIGHT: Since joining the rotation in 2019, Tottenham Hotspur Stadium has hosted 10 NFL games.

Ahead of that game, the NFL Academy — a high school program based in Loughborough, England, and featuring more than 60 players from 19 different countries — recorded a stunning 40-24 victory over the prestigious IMG Academy from Florida. It marked the conclusion of a run of challenging games against leading American high schools that was by design, according to head coach Steve Hagen, who spent 11 years in the NFL with the Jets and Cleveland Browns.

"When we play these American teams and we put good tape out there, our players get opportunities for scholarships," Hagen explains. "That's why this NFL Academy exists — to give a longer pathway for international players to have an opportunity to compete in America. This is not a place to come and stay put; this is a place to come, grow, and go!"

One young player to benefit from the NFL Academy is Nigerian defensive lineman Clinton Azubuike, who was first spotted by two-time Super Bowl champion Osi Umenyiora.

"Everyone at the NFL Academy is like family," says Azubuike, who graduated with a scholarship to Northern Arizona. "My coaches are like fathers and elder brothers to me. It's amazing how much I've grown as a man and as a football player. My life now has structure and has definitely changed. I have big dreams of getting drafted into the NFL and being a big name who leaves a legacy."

Such bold dreams and brave visions are shared by NFL owners and league executives when it comes to the league's international activity.

"We all feel the momentum, and it's a confluence of things where each positive step builds toward the next," O'Reilly says. "We have owners who see the bigger picture and the opportunity to be a true global sport property. The only way we're going to get there is if we truly commit, and that means expanding our footprint and expanding our presence in terms of where we have games."

December's announcement that Berlin, Germany, will host its first regular-season game in 2025 is another step in that direction.

"Germany has a rich tradition of American football, and the NFL has a deep history with the city of Berlin," Goodell says. "We first held a preseason game at the Olympic Stadium 34 years ago, before it was home to NFL Europe's Berlin Thunder in the early 2000s. Now, with almost 20 million NFL fans in Germany, we'll make a historic return to the city as we open the next chapter in our relationship with Berlin."

In total, the 2025 regular-season schedule could see eight international contests: three in the UK; returns to Brazil and Mexico; Berlin; a debut in Madrid, Spain; and possibly another new site in Dublin, Ireland.

"We want this to be a long-term play," Goodell explains. "The ownership has been great. They've authorized eight games per year [starting] in 2025, and we want to make sure each one of those is incredibly successful because we build off success.

"And when you build off success, more and more want it. I think that's what's happened. As the world watches these games, they're all saying, 'We would like one of those.' I think that's a great position for us to be in."

Once the NFL reaches that figure of eight international games per season, don't expect it to mark the end of the league's global ambitions.

According to Goodell, "If we [look at the] Formula One thought process, we see how they move races around the world and how that electrifies each one of those communities. I think we can do that by taking our game and sharing it with those fans," he says, noting that sites in Australia and Asia are future considerations as well.

While echoing those statements, O'Reilly adds: "We should and are exploring all parts of the world and doing that in a thoughtful and data-driven way. It's about looking at the entirety of the globe. We have an opportunity to really accelerate our position as a global sport. This does feel like an important time."

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After winning six Super Bowls with the Patriots, Tom Brady signed with Tampa Bay in 2020 — and promptly delivered a Super Bowl title to the Bucs.

DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP IMAGES (Brady); DAVID DUROCHIK/AP IMAGES (Faulk); JOHN BIEVER/GETTY IMAGES (Sanders)

Master Pieces

For teams chasing a Super Bowl championship, adding the right veteran voice can push them over the finish line.

BY JUDY BATTISTA

When Marshall Faulk joined the Rams' "Greatest Show on Turf" in 1999, his dual-threat ability keyed the team's Super Bowl run.

A shutdown cornerback, Deion Sanders was part of back-to-back Super Bowl victories with the 49ers (XXIX) and the Cowboys (XXX).

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It was the first or second two-minute drill of the 2020 training camp, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' offense had blown it.

Head coach Bruce Arians told them so, and what happened next goes a long way toward explaining what took place in the Super Bowl at the end of that season.

"Tom threw his helmet about 10 yards, he kicked the football and yelled, 'Let's go again.'" Arians recalls. "I said, 'Nope, get out of here, the defense won.' He was so [angry]. That's what he brought."

Arians well knew that Brady was a stickler in practice; his intensity and attention to detail conveyed the fact that if you wanted the ball on Sunday, you better be practicing correctly on Wednesday.

Brady had arrived in Tampa that March, just as the NFL and the world shut down for the COVID-19 pandemic, as one of the biggest free-agent prizes in NFL history. But all didn't start well for the six-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback as he tried acclimating to his new surroundings. He wandered into the wrong condo looking for his offensive coordinator. He got thrown out of a public park when he wanted to throw a football. He had to organize workouts with his new teammates at a local high school because NFL facilities were shuttered.

Yet, 10 months later, the Bucs were Super Bowl LV champions and perhaps the greatest example of what former St. Louis Rams head coach Dick Vermeil called "going from a Chevrolet to an Alfa Romeo" — supercharging an already talented, functioning team by swapping in an extraordinary player (and, in some cases, more than one) that is the final puzzle piece en route to a championship.

The tactic isn't new, and the Bucs, who also added tight end Rob Gronkowski in 2020, are not even the most recent example of the unusual twist on team building. In 2021, the Los Angeles Rams traded for quarterback Matthew Stafford and linebacker Von Miller and won Super Bowl LVI.

Still, in a league where building through the draft remains the Holy Grail, a who's who of stars — and the coaches, general managers, and teammates bold enough to embrace them — have created a different, albeit rarer, formula for roster construction. Parachute in via free agency or trade and get nearly instant results.

DE/LB Charles Haley went to the Dallas Cowboys and they won Super Bowl XXVII. Cornerback Mike Haynes arrived at the Raiders, who promptly won Super Bowl XVIII. Defensive end Fred Dean got to San Francisco and the 49ers won Super Bowl XVI. And cornerback Deion Sanders did it for two teams, in consecutive years: the 49ers in Super Bowl XXIX and the Cowboys in Super Bowl XXX.

And there are more who did not win the Super Bowl in their first year with their new team but changed the fortunes of the franchise and set it on the path to an eventual title — think defensive end Reggie White in Green Bay, quarterback Drew Brees in New Orleans, and quarterback Peyton Manning and linebacker DeMarcus Ware in Denver. It's the kind of boost every team envisions when bringing on an established star in the offseason or at the trade deadline.

Charles Haley brought title experience from his days with the 49ers to a young Cowboys team, fueling a run that saw Dallas capture three Super Bowls (XXVII, XXVIII, XXX) over a four-year stretch.

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Marshall Faulk's arrival in St. Louis in 1999 revved the engines for that championship team, as Vermeil referenced. The Rams were 4-12 in 1998, the second year of Vermeil's tenure and the second year of a roster overhaul. There was some offensive talent in place: receivers Isaac Bruce and Ricky Proehl and tackle Orlando Pace were already Rams. Wide receiver Torry Holt was drafted in the spring of 1999. Quarterback Kurt Warner was on the roster, although everyone assumed Trent Green, another free-agent signee, would be the starter. Mike Martz returned in 1999 as the offensive coordinator. But in the previous season, players were grumbling that Vermeil was working them too hard.

"It was chaos," Warner says.

Vermeil estimated that the Rams were 75 percent of the way through a rebuild to be a contender. And then Faulk, a dynamic running back who was the NFL's offensive rookie of the year in 1994 and had amassed more than 2,200 all-purpose yards for the Indianapolis Colts in 1998, arrived.

"I came in with notoriety and, as people geared up to stop the run, it was, 'Let's see what this Kurt Warner guy can do.' It opened it up for them, which opened it up for me," Faulk says. "It was the best situation possible in a storybook season because I was in a place where I was like, 'Man, what is it like to play with other guys who garner that kind of attention?'

"The thing that really took off with us, and I don't want to say I was responsible for it, but I had a lot to do with it — our first five games, I didn't touch the ball much and I didn't complain once. I'm a new guy to the team, I worked my butt off, and I showed my teammates this is what it looks like. It didn't matter what Mike (Martz) asked me to do. I trusted him. And if I trust this guy, why shouldn't they?"

Warner remembers Faulk walking into the locker room and exuding confidence, giving off a belief that

The Rams' trade for veteran quarterback Matthew Stafford proved key for a team with title aspirations. He helped Los Angeles win Super Bowl LVI in his first season there.

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the team was going to win that allowed everyone else to believe it was possible, too. But for a player, even one of that caliber, to have that kind of impact on a new team, he first has to do what he has always done: perform on the field. Faulk became the horsepower behind the greatest show on turf.

"It's hard to overstate all the things he brought to us," Warner says. "He saw the game like I saw the game. He was the ultimate safety net. And he never went backwards. What could have been a 0-yard gain would be a 5-yard gain; he was keeping things more manageable for me the best he could."

When it works, the payout is great. But there is still considerable risk for a team that hopes a new player can adjust to and then elevate everything around him, that a quick fix can really fix things that quickly.

In Tampa and Los Angeles, they had tried to win with draft picks. The Buccaneers selected Jameis Winston first overall in 2015, but never made the playoffs with him and after the 2019 season decided it was time to move on if they could get a better quarterback. It just so happened that was the year of Brady's free agency.

"We had been building for years, including getting (linebacker) Jason Pierre-Paul, signing (defensive tackle) Ndamukong Suh, drafting some young secondary players, and we had a good offensive line," says Bucs general manager Jason Licht. "We had the ingredients. We just needed the upgrade."

Brady's arrival meant players suddenly wanted to be in Tampa Bay. Brady himself implored the Bucs to get Gronkowski, who ended a one-season retirement when the team traded for his rights in April. Running back Leonard Fournette signed in September and wide receiver Antonio Brown followed suit in late October.

Even two years after the quarterback's retirement, the Brady Effect still lingers.

"I think it's cool when we interview college prospects now and they say, 'We love the Bucs because you know how to be successful,'" Licht says. "Didn't hear that my first five years here."

In Los Angeles, the Rams eventually came to believe they needed an upgrade to put them over the top, too, even though they had gone to Super Bowl LIII with Jared Goff at quarterback. That is why they traded for Stafford.

"Our machine was at an accelerated advanced level," says Rams general manager Les Snead. "(Head coach) Sean (McVay) was at an advanced level. Some of the players were at an advanced level. That particular machine, some of our core players, were in their prime. We wanted to take advantage of that moment.

"There's an element of short-term thinking, but also within this window, are you going to be one of the teams that didn't get a trophy but had a very successful run, which is still hard to do." Snead adds. "That run without a championship would have been a successful run, but we wanted to be one of the teams with that trophy."

The Super Bowl 50 MVP while with Denver, Von Miller was a critical mid-season acquisition for the 2021 Rams — both for the talent he brought to the field and the locker room voice he provided.

The Stafford trade paid immediate dividends. The Rams started the 2021 season 7-1 and averaged nearly 31 points per game. Meanwhile, the Broncos, who won a Super Bowl with Manning and Ware, were in a period of struggle, which made Miller, the Super Bowl 50 MVP, available. The Rams, Snead thought, already had two math-changers on defense — Aaron Donald and Jalen Ramsey — because Donald required two blockers and Ramsey could single up a receiver. Miller, for whom they traded on November 1, was the third.

"We had proof of concept that things are working right now and, wow, maybe we can add that player," Snead says. "We had to give up two picks because we didn't have the cash or the cap space. It was short-term thinking, but this is a chance."

Miller had two sacks in the Rams' Super Bowl LVI victory over the Cincinnati Bengals, but his contributions to the title run began long before that day. With the credibility of someone who already had one ring, Miller told his new teammates that the sacrifices they were making would be worth it, that winning the Super Bowl would be the best day of their lives. The Rams were, by then, largely a collection of talented, accomplished veterans trying to fill a hole in their résumés. Miller told them not filling that void would leave them with a void forever.

Miller recalls the Rams hanging on every word about the need to seize their opportunity. The final puzzle piece had clicked into place.

"Coach McVay was saying, 'We have to do this to win the Super Bowl,' and when I got there and was saying the same thing, it created a level of peace that we got everybody we needed," says Miller, now in his third season with the Buffalo Bills. "Obviously, on the field, we needed another pass rusher. Off the field, we just needed that veteran leadership.

"I spent more time with the young guys just talking ball, not even the Super Bowl, about what to expect, what to expect in high-pressure games. They needed that element of peace. I had been there before. I was paying everything forward what Peyton Manning and DeMarcus Ware had told me."

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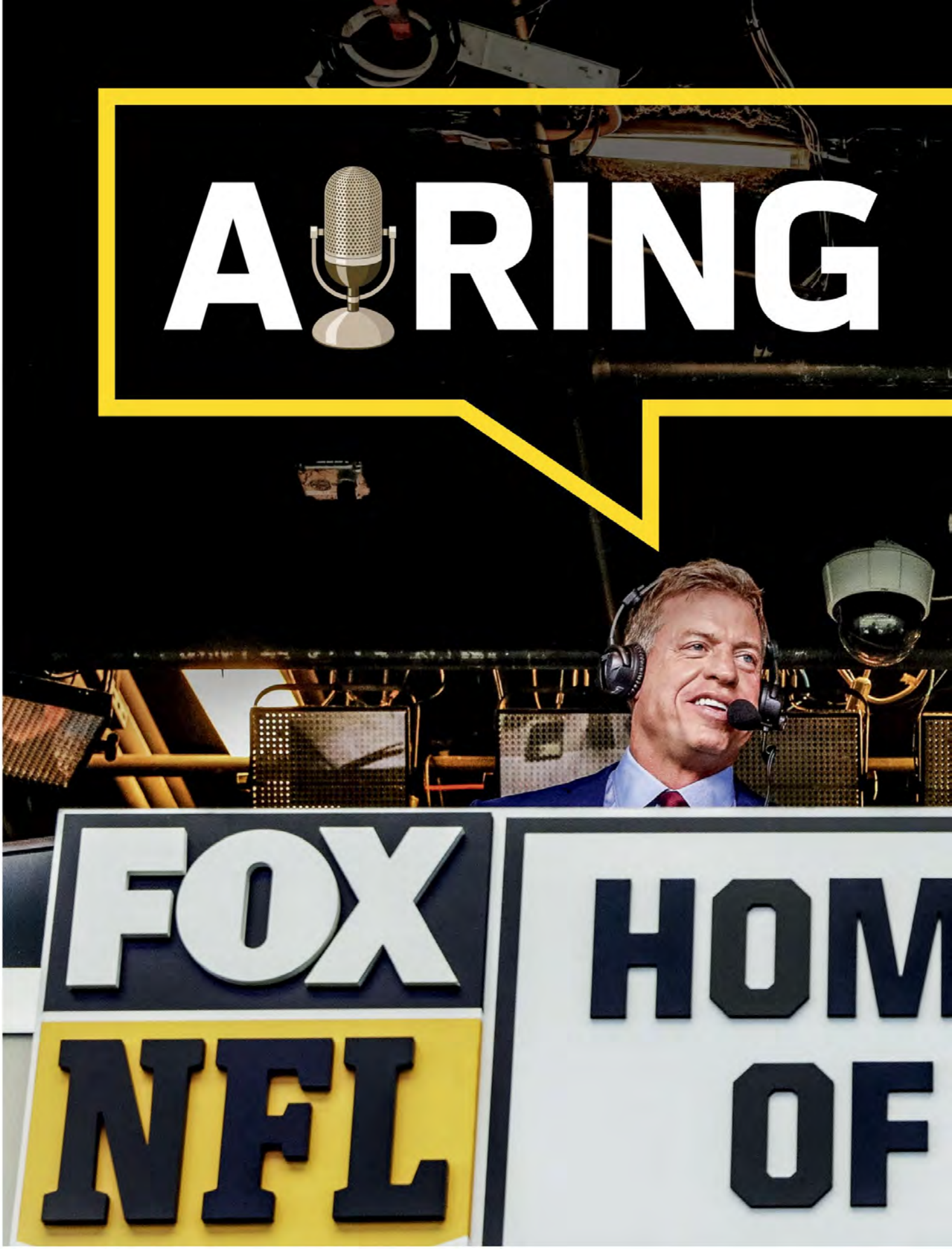
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From making unforgettable calls to navigating unexpected events, Super Bowl broadcasters are the game's best storytellers.

BY BARRY WILNER

The broadcast team of three-time Super Bowl champion Troy Aikman (left) and Joe Buck, with FOX at the time, handled the call of Super Bowl LI between the Patriots and the Falcons.

John Madden (left) and Pat Summerall were broadcast partners for 21 seasons and called eight Super Bowls together, five for CBS and three for FOX. Madden also coached the Raiders to a Super Bowl title, while Summerall starred in the NFL for 10 years.

SEPARATING SUPER BOWL ANNOUNCING from the games themselves would be like separating, well, Joe Buck and Troy Aikman, Dick Enberg and Merlin Olsen, or Pat Summerall and John Madden.

The simple fact for the most watched and listened to event on the planet is this: The voices of the big game are as recognizable and essential as the players and coaches.

It doesn't matter if they are bringing the Super Bowl to the largest TV audience each year, to millions of radio listeners, or, nowadays, streamers. On Super Bowl Sunday, there is no other place to be, and the announcers are our guides — going all the way back to 1967, when both NBC (the AFL's network) and CBS (NFL) televised the game.

Jack Whitaker shared play-by-play duties with Ray Scott for CBS that day, then did four more Super Bowls as a sideline reporter — though, really, he was the poet laureate of pro football. Jim Nantz once compared him to Ernest Hemingway. Whitaker could brilliantly sum up what viewers had seen only minutes before on the field. Most memorably, he noted that the first AFL-NFL Championship Game was "the end of the civil war in American professional football. There has never been a game quite like it."

There still isn't. And the voices who tell the Super Bowl stories certainly enhance it.

"When you are doing the game," says Nantz, who has announced seven Super Bowls for CBS, "the viewer is used to you being in the living room. There is a familiarity for them. Some of that comes with time and experience, not that you don't get those first-tee jitters. But you learn to savor it and enjoy it and embrace it."

Just as fans have embraced the iconic voices, from Scott and Whitaker to Curt Gowdy and Jack Buck, from Summerall and Enberg to Al Michaels, Nantz and Joe Buck, and from Marv Albert to Kevin Harlan.

That embrace extends to the analysts explaining it all in succinct and entertaining ways: Madden, Frank Gifford, Kyle Rote, Al DeRogatis, Tom Brookshier, Don Meredith, Olsen, Hank Stram, Bob Trumpy, Dan Dierdorf, Phil Simms, Cris Collinsworth, Boomer Esiason, Aikman, Tony Romo, and Kurt Warner.

This year's broadcast adds a new duo to that list with play-by-play man Kevin Burkhardt joined by seven-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady as FOX televises its 11th Super Bowl.

"There are certain games that have a flavor to them, that have a big feel to them," says Harlan, who this season is working his 16th Super Bowl on radio. "There may be more at stake in a Super Bowl, so through your words and expression and tone you can build it up more with extra stories. Clearly, we know the stakes are greatly different and mean so much more for history."

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NBC's Gowdy, along with Jack Buck, often was referred to as the "Voice of the AFL." Gowdy called the Jets' massive 16-7 upset of the Colts that virtually erased the stigma that AFL teams didn't belong on the field with NFL clubs. His analyst, former offensive lineman DeRogatis, wasn't surprised by the outcome.

"Al scoffed at the idea the Jets were three-touchdown underdogs," Gowdy said. "He predicted they would win if they could gain 100 yards or more on the ground. And Matt Snell got more than that himself. Al said, 'I told you so,'" and all I could say to Al was, 'Nice call.'"

As was Gowdy's delivery at the end: "Watch this Jets team when this one's over. They were as big underdogs as a bunch of college all-stars in the All-Star Game (a preseason contest held from 1934-76 between incoming NFL rookies and the defending league champions), and they were insulted. ... The New York Jets are the world champions. They have upset the Baltimore Colts, and beat them handily."

Back when two networks alternated Super Bowl telecasts through 1984, Summerall was Gowdy's contemporary at CBS. The former placekicker also was a sideline reporter at the first AFL-NFL matchup, did analysis five times (once on radio), and, ultimately, play-by-play 11 times.

Summerall's approach: "There are no flowers, no colorful clichés. That's just how I am."

He once recalled how NBC was not prepared for the second-half kickoff in the first Super Bowl because it was interviewing comedian Bob Hope. So, the network had a staffer approach Packers head coach Vince Lombardi about redoing the kick.

"You can imagine what Lombardi thought of that," Summerall said.

We don't need to imagine Summerall's most outlandish play calls because, well, there weren't any. He left the verbosity to long-time partner Madden.

"I can say 100 [words]," Madden acknowledged, "and Pat in two words can say what I was trying to in 100."

No matter how they expressed it for CBS or FOX, Summerall and Madden epitomized what it takes to win in pro football: teamwork.

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They were so good that, as Summerall once said, "People know us even though they have never met us. They feel like family."

Which is what Super Bowl announcing requires.

Noting how Super Bowl Sunday is an unofficial national holiday, Michaels recognizes it brings a different audience, too.

"The fundamentals are the same, but there can be situations where I may need to do more explaining to the 50 to 60 million fans who only watch that game," he says. "A fairly large percentage of them are not up to date on the rules, for example. So, you are saying to the hardcore fans that we need to embellish it more than a regular game."

When something seminal occurs in the Super Bowl, fans count on those voices to illustrate — even memorialize — it.

It could be a wide-right field-goal attempt with the trophy on the line in Super Bowl XXV: Jack Buck's, "Scott Norwood missed in his moment in the sun."

It could be Harlan's incredulity calling the "Philly Special" in Super Bowl LII: "Foles caught the ball. What did we just see? Holy Smokes! The tight end just threw a touchdown pass to the quarterback!"

Or even Michaels' summation of James Harrison's 100-yard interception-return touchdown against the Cardinals that ended the first half of Super Bowl XLIII with the Pittsburgh linebacker collapsed in the end zone: "He ran through the entire state of Arizona."

And who can forget David Tyree's "Helmet Catch" the previous year when the Giants ended New England's perfect season? Aikman seemed as stunned as every New England Patriot.

"Oh my God, this ball is thrown, and Tyree goes up for it like a basketball player," Aikman said. "Rodney Harrison is trying to knock it down. Eli (Manning) — I don't know how he got out of there, he just comes out of the pile and slings it. That's a great catch by David Tyree."

You think?

As the Bears' Devin Hester was about to break free on his 92-yard touchdown return of the opening kickoff in Super Bowl XLI, radio analyst Esiason exclaimed, "Uh-oh."

He recalls, "I could see it happening all in front of my eyes, like Stanford Jennings in our Super Bowl (XXIII, Bengals vs. 49ers), like the parting of the Red Sea."

When Esiason needed to be more effusive, as during the power outage at the New Orleans Superdome at halftime of Super Bowl XLVII between the Ravens and 49ers, he pretty much provided a public service message while sitting in the broadcast booth with Harlan: "This is a weird situation as you and I are talking to each other through the phone, and we are about a foot away from each other."

Howard Deneroff, the longtime Westwood One executive producer who has worked 35 Super Bowls, had set up two landline phones back to the studio — just in case.

And, yes, the power returned. Fittingly, the game had one of the most electrifying second halves of any Super Bowl, starting with Baltimore's kickoff-return touchdown and ending with San Francisco being stopped four times from inside the 10-yard line as it went for the game-winning touchdown.

TOP: CBS' Tony Romo (left) and Jim Nantz recently completed their eighth season as a broadcast team. They've called three Super Bowls together, most recently last year's game in Las Vegas. BOTTOM: John Madden (left) joined ABC in 2003, pairing with play-by-play broadcaster Al Michaels for Super Bowls XXXVII and XL. The duo then moved to NBC, where they handled the call of Super Bowl XLIII. That game marked Madden's last in the broadcast booth.

DENEROFF RECOGNIZES the essentials of a Super Bowl-level broadcast: "It's description, passion, energy, and, for me, the most important thing on radio that separates the great from the good is how you frame the moment. Sum it up, put it in a bow what makes that moment different."

Naturally, that goes for the TV side, too.

Enberg had his classic, "Oh, my!" accompanied by apt descriptions.

Madden used his trademark, "Boom. Bam," plus breakdowns worthy of a championship coach.

These days, Buck and Aikman, who have done six Super Bowls together, could be compared to that comfortable couch in the TV room on the second Sunday in February.

"Comfort is the first thing on the list," Buck says. "I can read [Aikman's] body language. ... I know where to go and not to go. I leave things open-ended. You want a good dance partner, so you are not stepping on each other's toes."

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"It is never lost on me when the Super Bowl comes around and the national anthem has been sung. I put the headset on and think, 'Jack Buck did this for 17 years, and Lindsey Nelson and Marv Albert did this,' and it is an overwhelming feeling," Harlan says. "If you love the business, you can't help but think of the people before us, whose shoulders we stand on. You like the fact you get the chance ... to live in their shadow, and that is a wonderful, calming feeling."

Barry Wilner covered the NFL for The Associated Press for 37 seasons. Emulating Kevin Harlan, many times he marveled, "What did we just see," after another spectacular Super Bowl moment.

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COMEBACK CLASSICS

The NFL postseason has offered up some of the wildest examples of games that were over … until they weren't.

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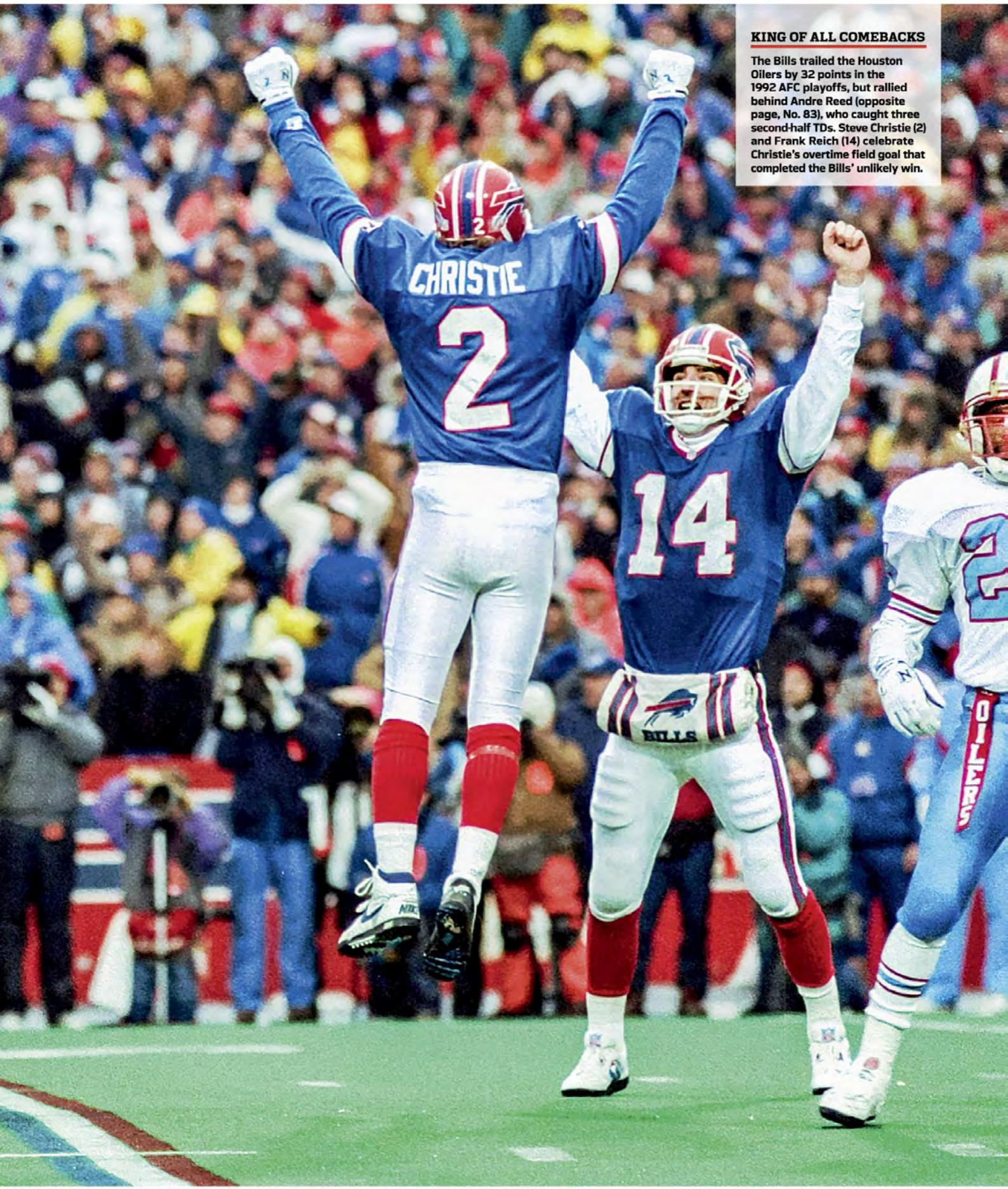

KING OF ALL COMEBACKS

The Bills trailed the Houston Oilers by 32 points in the 1992 AFC playoffs, but rallied behind Andre Reed (opposite page, No. 83), who caught three second-half TDs. Steve Christie (2) and Frank Reich (14) celebrate Christie's overtime field goal that completed the Bills' unlikely win.

A scan across NFL playoff history reveals several teams that have played the part of Comeback Kids. But two have starred in that role more than anyone: the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers.

When high drama is on the bill, there's a good chance one of these teams will be center stage.

Look no further than last postseason when the 49ers appeared in grave trouble before rallying from a 17-point halftime deficit to defeat the Detroit Lions, 34-31, in the NFC Championship Game. Two weeks later, those same 49ers were on the verge of lifting the Lombardi Trophy for the first time since Super Bowl XXIX — holding leads over the Chiefs on four separate occasions, including overtime — only to fall painfully short.

In that Lions game, the 49ers exacted revenge for what is regarded as the first great postseason comeback ... 66 years earlier. The scene was the 1957 Western Conference Playoffs, when Detroit found itself behind by 20 points in the third quarter before stunning the visiting 49ers on the way to the franchise's third NFL championship of that decade.

Last year's comeback wasn't quite as large but was equally dramatic. More than anything, San Francisco head coach Kyle Shanahan made sure his team kept its composure at halftime.

"We had no other choice," he said after the game. "It was nice we were starting out with the ball in the third quarter, so it gave us some hope. Also, it being a 17-point game was encouraging. It looked like it should have been worse.

"But you got to start playing a lot better in order for that not to be too much. ... I think by the end of the third, it was a tie game. All right, first quarter again, but it's (now) the fourth. Let's start."

Jake Moody's 33-yard field goal put the 49ers in front and a 3-yard Elijah Mitchell touchdown run provided a buffer against a Lions TD in the final minute. It was a huge hurdle cleared for San Francisco, which had lost in the conference title game the previous two seasons.

The Chiefs, though, upstaged them in Super Bowl LVIII, coming back after trailing 10-0, 16-13, 19-16, and 22-19 to prevail on Patrick Mahomes' 3-yard touchdown

Brandon Aiyuk (11) extends his arms to catch a pass during the 49ers' win over the Lions in the 2023 NFC Championship Game. The 49ers trailed by 17 points before rallying to victory to reach Super Bowl LVIII.

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pass to Mecole Hardman in the waning seconds of overtime. Such a feat wasn't anything new for Mahomes. Each of the quarterback's three Super Bowl wins have come after trailing by double digits, with the 49ers twice the victim. In Super Bowl LIV, San Francisco led Kansas City, 20-10, midway through the fourth quarter before Mahomes and company engineered three late touchdown drives — including the go-ahead TD on Damien Williams' 5-yard catch —for the victory.

"We never lost faith," Mahomes said afterward. "That's the biggest thing. Everybody on this team, no one had their head down. We believed in each other. That's what we preached all year long."

Of course they believed. It was their third comeback win of the 2019 playoffs. They had trailed the Houston Texans, 24-0, in the AFC Divisional Playoffs before erupting for 41 consecutive points and a 51-31 win; one week later, they were behind the Tennessee Titans, 17-7, before scoring touchdowns on four consecutive second-half possessions to punch their Super Bowl ticket with a 35-24 triumph.

Still, the Chiefs have also walked off the field with a bitter taste and a season ended. In the 2013 AFC Wild Card Playoffs, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck went on a heater to help his team overcome a 28-point Kansas City lead on their way to a 45-44 win.

"Keep our poise, tell the back end, tell those corners, 'No big plays,'" said then-Colts head coach Chuck Pagano on the sidelines. "No big plays."

The Colts, though, made several, none bigger than when Luck scooped up a fumble by running back Donald Brown at the 2-yard line and powered his way into the end zone for the game-winning touchdown. It was bedlam in the Colts locker room after the game.

"This is why we do what we do," Pagano said to his team. "For moments. These moments. You got this one for the rest of your life. And what a moment it was."

The 49ers, meanwhile, were on the right side of the largest comeback in NFC playoff history when they rallied from 24 points down to edge the Giants, 39-38, in the 2002 Wild Card round. Quarterback Jeff Garcia led the way with three second-half touchdown drives, capped by his game-winning 13-yard scoring throw to Tai Streets. Still, they had to weather a final Giants threat that ended with a botched field-goal attempt.

"What a moment at that time in that stadium (Candlestick Park)," Garcia told *The Athletic* in 2017. "Those walls could speak. What a feeling in that place. People in the stands were crying. The emotion had taken over. My parents had even found their way down to the field. It was a moment I wish I could have bottled up and kept forever."

Colts quarterback Andrew Luck (12) reaches over the goal line for the winning touchdown in the 2013 AFC Wild Card Playoffs. The Colts had trailed the Chiefs, 28-0, before storming back to victory.

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Trevor Lawrence threw four touchdown passes to help the Jaguars overcome a 27-0 deficit against the Chargers in the 2022 AFC playoffs.

By extension, the 49ers have another connection to incredible playoff drama. Shanahan was the offensive coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl LI, when they were on the wrong side of history as the New England Patriots fought their way back from a 25-point deficit to win in overtime, 34-28. With the seventh-highest scoring offense in league history, the Falcons appeared in complete control when Tevin Coleman's 6-yard TD catch from Matt Ryan made it 28-3 midway through the third quarter. From there, though, things came apart on both sides of the ball.

"Hindsight is 20-20, but had I been able to do anything differently, I would have played more guys to give my front-line starters rest so that they would have had more in the tank at the end of the game," former Falcons defensive line coach Bryan Cox says. "I think we simply ran out of gas."

Still, neither the Chiefs, 49ers, nor Shanahan were involved in what is undoubtedly the greatest NFL postseason comeback. That took place on Jan. 3, 1993, in the AFC Wild Card round when the host Buffalo Bills were left for dead as they trailed the Houston Oilers, 35-3, early in the third quarter. But then they authored "The Comeback," coming to life for a 41-38 overtime victory on their way to Super Bowl XXVII. (It remains the second-largest comeback in NFL history, trailing only the Vikings' rally from 33-0 deficit against the Colts in a 2022 regular-season contest.)

Even more amazing, the Bills did it without Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly, who injured his knee a week earlier in a game at Houston. Things looked bad enough for the Bills when they were in a 28-3 hole at halftime, but then they got even worse when Houston safety Bubba McDowell intercepted a Frank Reich pass and raced 58 yards for another touchdown.

By then, many of the 75,141 fans at Rich Stadium had thrown in the towel. Bills special teams standout Steve Tasker remembers "seeing so many empty seats in the third quarter." Then-*Buffalo News* reporter Vic Carucci described the scene as, "They're pouring out of the gates, getting in their cars, driving home."

Those who remained were rewarded with a rally unlike any ever seen.

On Buffalo's next possession, Kenneth Davis scored on a 1-yard touchdown. The Bills then recovered an onside kick, and three plays later, Reich connected with Don Beebe on a 38-yard touchdown. Houston's fast-paced offense came to a halt, while Reich threw three successive scoring passes to Andre Reed — on tosses of 28, 18, and 17 yards — the last of those putting the Bills in front. Houston would kick a late field goal to force overtime, but that's where Steve Christie's 32-yard field goal won it.

"When we were down, 35-3, I told Jim Kelly and (quarterback coach) Jim Shofner, 'One play at a time,'" Reich said postgame. "But I know it takes 47 guys to have a win like that."

In more recent times, the 2022 AFC Wild Card game between the Jacksonville Jaguars and Los Angeles Chargers stands as the biggest jaw-dropper. This one was shaping up as Justin Herbert's coming-out party. The physically gifted quarterback with the strong arm was making his first playoff appearance and was on fire, leading four touchdown drives as the Chargers bolted to a 27-0 lead with 4:25 to go in the second quarter.

Jacksonville's Trevor Lawrence, meanwhile, had thrown four interceptions up to that point. But like a heavyweight fighter who got knocked down, Lawrence picked himself up off the mat and went to work. The result was the third-largest comeback in NFL playoff history.

The key was to steady the ship, and Lawrence did that just before intermission with a 9-yard touchdown pass to tight end Evan Engram. Despite all that had gone against them up to that point, the Jaguars had faith in their work product.

"In that situation, there ain't no 'rah rah' going to get you going," recalls running back Travis Etienne, who rushed for 109 yards in the win. "So, you got to just lock in. Everybody was just leaning on what we've been leaning on all season: belief. I feel like there was really a belief in that moment."

"Yeah, it was crazy," Lawrence noted in an interview earlier this season. "I mean, honestly, the team was super calm (in the locker room) and our composure was still intact. It was cool to be a part of. We scored right before halftime, which helped.

"So, we felt like there was no room for errors, but we got a shot," added Lawrence, who tacked on three more TD passes in the second half and then led a 61-yard drive that ended with Riley Patterson's field goal on the game's final play for a 31-30 victory. "We knew we just had to get rolling offensively.

"I had to go and attack. We had to score points. We had to score every drive."

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Bryant Young wasn't the last to know, but his family found out his big news a week before he did. Young's wife and daughter, along with other friends and family, were in on the Pro Football Hall of Fame's secret: The former 49ers defensive tackle had earned election into the Class of 2022.

His family's mission was to make sure Young was at home on a certain day at a certain time.

"I had no idea," says Young, who lives in Charlotte, N.C. "They had to plan that and make sure things weren't out of the ordinary. They did a good job."

A loud knock at the front door startled Young, who cracked it open to find Hall of Famer Charles Haley in his Gold Jacket. Haley didn't need to say anything, though he did, for Young to know what it all meant.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Pro Football Hall of Famer Charles Haley knocks on the door of 2022 electee Bryant Young to let him know the good news. Haley chats with Young outside Young's Charlotte, N.C., home. Young poses with his Hall of Fame bust in Canton.

"The Knock" has become a part of the football lexicon, and Hall of Fame finalists know what it means when they get it. But for most of the history of the Hall of Fame, enshrinees received their good news in a phone call. Finalists not elected also learned the news over the phone.

The Hall of Fame would ask some of those expected to be elected to sit and wait for the news before attending a press conference. Anthony Muñoz, an offensive tackle who played 13 seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals, agreed to that in 1998.

"I was sitting in a room at the hotel at the Super Bowl [XXXII, in San Diego] where the selectors were meeting, waiting for a phone call," Munoz, a first-ballot Hall of Famer, says, "but I made sure I had a back door so that I could escape to my hotel if my name wasn't called. I joke that we were in a broom closet with a Styrofoam coffee cup [held against the wall]."

In 2015, TV producers wanted to include the Hall of Fame announcement in *NFL Honors*, the league's awards show that takes place the week of the Super Bowl. So, the Hall of Fame began flying finalists to the Super Bowl city for them to learn of their honor in person. Most accepted, even though no more than five of the 15 modern-era finalists earn enshrinement each year.

David Baker, who was the Hall of Fame president at the time, began knocking on the hotel door of those selected to welcome them to "the club." It was the COVID-19 pandemic that forced the Hall of Fame to take The Knock to the electees, and Baker started traveling the country knocking on doors.

The only thing Jim Porter changed about The Knock after replacing Baker as president of the Hall of Fame in 2021 was the person doing the knocking.

The past 20 Hall of Famers alive at the time of their election have received The Knock from a fellow Hall of Famer. For instance, Joe Namath told Joe Klecko; Kurt Warner honored Dick Vermeil; and Bruce Smith informed Julius Peppers. Videos of The Knock go viral every year.

When the Class of 2021 was unveiled, Drew Pearson received his news from former teammate Roger Staubach at the Dallas Cowboys' team training facility. That was the moment seminal to the change to how The Knock happens now, Porter said.

"The first line of our mission statement is to honor the greatest of the game," Porter explains. "This was David Baker's idea, and I don't think the knocks on the door would have ever become as big as they are without David having started it the way that he did."

Muñoz, after discussions with other Hall of Famers, suggested to Porter to have a Hall of Famer do the knocking, and Muñoz was among the first to carry out the honor, knocking on Tony Boselli's door in 2022.

"My example to the Hall was, 'Wouldn't it be cool if you're a running back, and you get word you're going to be a Pro Football Hall of Famer by Jim Brown showing up at your door?'" Muñoz says. "For a lot of years, we talked about the Hall of Fame utilizing Hall of Famers. That's kind of where all the discussion started. The fact that we're now doing that is pretty cool. I was so thrilled that I had an opportunity to do one."

The Pro Football Hall of Fame means the world to those who played and coached the game. It is the final resting place for the best of the best in NFL history.

Three initials— HOF — change everything for those good enough to earn them. Once they get The Knock in January, the next seven months are a blur. After they are announced during *Honors* and feted on the field at the Super Bowl, electees sit for hours for a sculptor to mold their bust, get measured for their custom Gold Jacket, write a speech, and plan a party in Canton for hundreds of friends and family.

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Class of 2024 Hall of Fame electees (left to right) Dwight Freeney, Andre Johnson, Randy Gradishar, Patrick Willis, Steve McMichael (represented by his wife, Misty), Devin Hester, and Julius Peppers were introduced at the *NFL Honors* awards show during Super Bowl Week in Las Vegas.

Once they arrive in town in early August, the itinerary is similarly full.

Until 2002, the Enshrinement Ceremony was a relatively small gathering held on the steps of the Hall of Fame. But in the two decades since moving into what is now Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, it has evolved into a must-attend event: a 10-day community festival that annually draws 700,000 visitors and generates an economic impact of $60 million, according to the Canton Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"The Pro Football Hall of Fame is the crown jewel in our crown, and Enshrinement Weekend is the biggest diamond," Allyson Bussey of Visit Canton says. "This is our Super Bowl. We roll out the red carpet. What we love about the Hall of Fame and Enshrinement is it's every fan's weekend. We're really representing the best who have ever played the game from all the teams."

Most of the 2,500 volunteers on hand are veterans at their assigned jobs, taking vacation time to return every year. Many fans also return year after year.

"There is something about the mystique of the Hall of Fame, and the finality and the pinnacle that is associated with it that I just find overwhelming," says Joseph D'Antonio, commissioner of the Coastal Athletic Conference, who has attended the past 21 Hall of Fame enshrinements. "You've achieved at the highest level, and they can't take it away from you. I just find the aura surrounding that moment in time to be spectacular. You can't replicate it."

The Hall of Famers continually come back, too, with more than 100 annually in town for the weekend.

Bobby Bell, a linebacker for the Kansas City Chiefs from 1963-74 and a member of their Super Bowl IV championship team, was in Canton for a 42nd consecutive year last August, and Muñoz has missed only one trip back since 1998. They've inspired Edgerrin James, a member of the Class of 2020, to vow that he would attend every Enshrinement Weekend for as long as he lived.

"It's going to be hard to break the record," says James, who rushed for more than 12,000 yards across 11 NFL seasons. "It seems pretty impossible with Bobby at 40-something years. My goal is to start at 10 in a row."

The highlight of the weekend for many is the new class members' walk through the "Gauntlet," when the returning Hall of Famers form a receiving line at the Gold Jacket banquet dinner, held the night before Enshrinement.

Hall of Famers also relish their time alone together, including at the annual Nitschke Luncheon and prior to the Hall of Fame Game — when the Hall closes its doors to the public so these legends can go into the bust room to talk, a tip of the cap to John Madden's famous 2006 enshrinement speech.

"I believe that the busts talk to each other," Madden, who passed away in 2021, said. "I can't wait for that conversation. I really can't. Vince Lombardi, Knute Rockne, Reggie (White), Walter Payton, all my [former] players, we'll be there forever and ever and ever talking about whatever. That's what I believe."

Porter frequently points out how exclusive the Hall of Fame is: Of the estimated 300 million people who have played the game at any level, only 378 are in Canton. That's .000126 percent. The odds are long. The busts are few. The process is difficult.

"If you can make it through that door, God bless you," says Pearson, who waited 33 years to receive his honor after an 11-year career with the Cowboys. "You've certainly earned it amongst all the others who are deserving. So, now that I'm in, shut the door, bolt it up, and make it harder for the next guy."

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Weeks 1-4

The play of wide receiver Justin Jefferson was among the reasons for the Vikings' fast start. He had a TD catch in each of the team's first four games.

NFL STANDINGS THROUGH WEEK 4

AFC EAST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Bills	**3-1-0**	**.750**	**122**	**83**
Jets	2-2-0	.500	76	62
Patriots	1-3-0	.250	52	87
Dolphins	1-3-0	.250	45	103

AFC NORTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Steelers	**3-1-0**	**.750**	**75**	**53**
Ravens	2-2-0	.500	106	88
Browns	1-3-0	.250	66	87
Bengals	1-3-0	.250	102	104

AFC SOUTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Texans	**3-1-0**	**.750**	**79**	**94**
Colts	2-2-0	.500	85	85
Titans	1-3-0	.250	79	90
Jaguars	0-4-0	.000	60	109

AFC WEST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Chiefs	**4-0-0**	**1.000**	**92**	**72**
Chargers	2-2-0	.500	68	50
Raiders	2-2-0	.500	78	97
Broncos	2-2-0	.500	62	55

NFC EAST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Commanders	**3-1-0**	**.750**	**121**	**102**
Cowboys	2-2-0	.500	97	104
Eagles	2-2-0	.500	86	96
Giants	1-3-0	.250	60	84

NFC NORTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Vikings	**4-0-0**	**1.000**	**116**	**59**
Lions	3-1-0	.750	104	82
Bears	2-2-0	.500	77	75
Packers	2-2-0	.500	104	89

NFC SOUTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Buccaneers	**3-1-0**	**.750**	**97**	**78**
Falcons	2-2-0	.500	75	85
Saints	2-2-0	.500	127	70
Panthers	1-3-0	.250	73	129

NFC WEST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Seahawks	**3-1-0**	**.750**	**102**	**85**
49ers	2-2-0	.500	103	82
Cardinals	1-3-0	.250	96	106
Rams	1-3-0	.250	75	115

Vikings Conquer Early-Season Opponents

A DYNAMIC COMBINATION OF OFFENSIVE EXPLOSIVENESS AND DEFENSIVE PRESSURE PUTS MINNESOTA IN CHARGE OF NFC NORTH

As they navigated the early portion of the 2024 NFL season, the Minnesota Vikings were charting an impressive course. A 31-29 win at Green Bay pushed their record to 4-0, the team's best start in eight years, and left them and the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs as the league's final two undefeated teams.

Against the Packers, QB Sam Darnold completed 20 of 28 passes for 275 yards and three touchdowns — to Jordan Addison, Josh Oliver, and Justin Jefferson — as the Vikings stormed to a 28-point lead and then hung on in the final minutes. Aaron Jones added 93 rushing yards against his former team, and Shaq Griffin had an interception that set up a second-quarter touchdown.

"At the end of the day, we believe in each other more than anyone else believes in us," said Darnold, who owned a league-best 118.6 passer rating through four games.

Jefferson caught a touchdown pass in each game, one of those a 97-yard grab in a 23-17 win over San Francisco, but it was defense that stood out as the Vikings' calling card in the early going. Linebacker Andrew Van Ginkel scored on a 10-yard interception return in a 28-6 opening weekend win over the Giants, and the high-octane 49ers were limited to just seven points until the fourth quarter of that Week 2 clash.

Perhaps most impressive was the pass rush, with its ability to get to the quarterback allowing the Vikings to become the first

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Terry McLaurin (right) catches a pass beyond the reach of the Bengals' Cam Taylor-Britt during the Commanders' Week 3 win.

team since 2001 with at least five sacks in each of its first three games. Jonathan Greenard had three sacks in a 34-7 victory against Houston in Week 3, while Pat Jones II was leading the team with five sacks on the year.

"I know what we have in this room is special," said cornerback Byron Murphy. "So, all that outside noise, I keep saying, 'Stay off the (band)wagon. Don't try to jump on it now. You all can stay over there, whatever you all do, but we're going to keep this thing going.'"

WEEK 1: Stellar Starts

The Chiefs began their pursuit of a third consecutive Super Bowl title by edging the Ravens, 27-20, in the season's annual Kickoff Game. Patrick Mahomes threw for 291 yards and Xavier Worthy caught a TD pass and ran for another score, but victory wasn't assured until video replay showed that Baltimore's Isaiah Likely had his right foot touching the end line on what was originally ruled a touchdown catch on the game's final play. "It was a fight down to the end," said Chiefs coach Andy Reid. "When they say it's a game of inches, it might be shorter than that." Ravens QB Lamar Jackson was outstanding in defeat, totaling 273 passing yards and rushing for another 122. One night later, the NFL held its first regular-season game in South America, with the Eagles defeating the Packers, 34-29, in São Paulo, Brazil.

Buccaneers coach Todd Bowles (right) talks strategy with linebacker Lavonte David. David was a big factor in the Bucs' 3-1 start, highlighted by his eight-tackle, two-sack effort in a victory over the Eagles in Week 4.

Running back Saquon Barkley shined in his Philadelphia debut, scoring three touchdowns and totaling 132 scrimmage yards. "I'm always about visualizing success and putting positivity in my mind," said Barkley, whose 2-yard TD run late in the third quarter moved the Eagles ahead for good. "That's one of my goals this year: be more of a positive thinker."

EXTRA POINTS: Josh Allen threw a pair of touchdown passes and ran for two others, and Greg Rousseau recorded six tackles and three sacks, sparking the Bills' 34-28 victory over Arizona. In that same game, the league's new dynamic kickoff delivered its first touchdown when the Cardinals' DeeJay Dallas scored on a 96-yard return. ... Tyrique Stevenson returned an interception 43 yards for a fourth-quarter TD to complete the Bears' 24-17 comeback win over the Titans. ... The Saints defeated Carolina, 47-10, for the team's sixth consecutive Week 1 victory, the longest active streak in the NFL. ... Tyreek Hill caught seven passes, a career-long 80-yard touchdown among them, in the Dolphins' 20-17 win over Jacksonville. ... Baker Mayfield had four touchdown passes and a 146.4 passer rating while directing the Buccaneers past Washington, 37-20. ... The Lions' Jake Bates kicked a game-tying 32-yard field goal on the final play of regulation and David Montgomery scored

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Weeks 1-4

Chris Jones (left) and the Chiefs were putting the pressure on opponents with the team's first 4-0 start since 2018. Derrick Henry (right) had five rushing TDs in the Ravens' first four games, and racked up big numbers in wins over the Cowboys (151 rushing yards) and the Bills (199).

on a 1-yard run in overtime to complete a 26-20 comeback victory over the Rams. ... Jake Moody converted all six of his field-goal attempts in the 49ers' 32-19 victory over the Jets.

WEEK 2: Saints March On

Behind a relentless offensive attack that produced touchdowns on their first six possessions, the Saints snapped Dallas' 16-game home-field winning streak, 44-19, and improved to 2-0. QB Derek Carr threw for 243 yards and two first-half TDs — a 70-yarder to Rashid Shaheed and a 57-yard catch-and-run to Alvin Kamara — and ran for another score. Kamara, meanwhile, rushed for three touchdowns: a 5-yard run to open the scoring, a 12-yard burst that helped New Orleans build a 35-16 halftime lead, and a 7-yard TD late in the third quarter. With their offensive outburst, the Saints had scored 91 points on the season, the most by a team in its first two games since 2009. Defensively, Tyrann Mathieu and Paulson Adebo collected interceptions for the victors. "It's just important to get off to a fast start," said Mathieu. "We think about a lot of those games that we played (last year) that we let slip. This is a good feeling."

EXTRA POINTS: The Raiders overcame a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to defeat Baltimore, 26-23, aided by Maxx Crosby (6 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 pass defensed) and Brock Bowers (9 receptions, 98 yards). ... James Cook scored three touchdowns, one of those on a 49-yard run, in Buffalo's 31-10 win over Miami. ... Harrison Butker kicked a 51-yard field goal as time expired to give the Chiefs a 26-25 victory over Cincinnati. ... Baker Mayfield threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Chris Godwin and later scored the winning points on an 11-yard TD run, leading the Buccaneers past the Lions, 20-16. ... Kyler Murray (17 of 21, 266 yards, 3 touchdowns) posted a 158.3 passer rating — the highest attainable mark — and added 59 rushing yards in the Cardinals' 41-10 win over the Rams. ... Braelon Allen, at 20 years and 239 days old, became the youngest player in the Super Bowl era to score a touchdown when he caught a 12-yard pass from Aaron Rodgers in the Jets' 24-17 win at Tennessee. He later ran for a 20-yard score. ... Austin Seibert was perfect on all seven of his field-goal attempts in the Commanders' 21-18 victory over the Giants. ... Kirk Cousins rallied Atlanta late, capped by his 7-yard TD pass to Drake London, to lift the Falcons over the Eagles, 22-21.

WEEK 3: Daniels in Command

Making his third career start, QB Jayden Daniels put on a show as he completed 21 of 23 passes for 254 yards and two touchdowns to lead Washington past the Bengals, 38-33. Daniels' 91.3 completion percentage was the highest in a game by a rookie in NFL history (minimum 20 attempts), yet his brightest moment came in the fourth quarter after the Bengals pulled within 31-26 with 9:42 to play. Starting from his own 30-yard line, Daniels executed a drive that took more than seven minutes off the clock, featured a fourth-and-4 conversion to Zach Ertz, and ended with his 27-yard TD throw to Terry McLaurin that put the game out of reach. "He's a real cool customer, and he's got a real poise about him," said Commanders coach Dan Quinn. Neither Washington nor Cincinnati punted or committed a turnover in the game, the first time that had occurred in the Super Bowl era.

EXTRA POINTS: The Steelers improved to 3-0 by defeating the Chargers, 20-10, and became the first team since 2009 to win each of its first three games and allow 10-or-fewer points in each one. ... Seattle also sat at 3-0 after beating the Dolphins, 24-3, getting a 71-yard touchdown reception from DK Metcalf, two TD runs by Zach Charbonnet, and an excellent defensive effort that allowed only one third/fourth-down conversion in 15 attempts. ... Malik Willis

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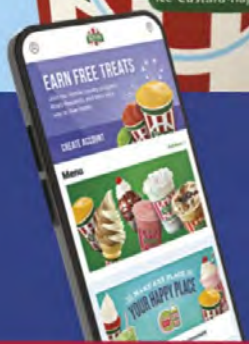

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Weeks 1-4

WEEK 1/September 5-9		WEEK 2/September 12-16		WEEK 3/September 19-23		WEEK 4/September 26-30	
RAVENS	20	**BILLS**	**31**	PATRIOTS	3	**COWBOYS**	**20**
CHIEFS	**27**	DOLPHINS	10	**JETS**	**24**	GIANTS	15
PACKERS	29*	**RAIDERS**	**26**	**GIANTS**	**21**	SAINTS	24
EAGLES	**34**	RAVENS	23	BROWNS	15	**FALCONS**	**26**
STEELERS	**18**	**CHARGERS**	**26**	BEARS	16	**BENGALS**	**34**
FALCONS	10	PANTHERS	3	**COLTS**	**21**	PANTHERS	24
CARDINALS	28	**SAINTS**	**44**	TEXANS	7	RAMS	18
BILLS	**34**	COWBOYS	19	**VIKINGS**	**34**	**BEARS**	**24**
TITANS	17	**BUCCANEERS**	**20**	**EAGLES**	**15**	**VIKINGS**	**31**
BEARS	**24**	LIONS	16	SAINTS	12	PACKERS	29
PATRIOTS	**16**	COLTS	10	CHARGERS	10	JAGUARS	20
BENGALS	10	**PACKERS**	**16**	**STEELERS**	**20**	**TEXANS**	**24**
TEXANS	**29**	**BROWNS**	**18**	**BRONCOS**	**26**	STEELERS	24
COLTS	27	JAGUARS	13	BUCCANEERS	7	**COLTS**	**27**
JAGUARS	17	49ERS	17	**PACKERS**	**30**	**BRONCOS**	**10**
DOLPHINS	**20**	**VIKINGS**	**23**	TITANS	14	JETS	9
PANTHERS	10	**SEAHAWKS**	**23**	**PANTHERS**	**36**	EAGLES	16
SAINTS	**47**	PATRIOTS	20 (OT)	RAIDERS	22	**BUCCANEERS**	**33**
VIKINGS	**28**	**JETS**	**24**	DOLPHINS	3	**COMMANDERS**	**42**
GIANTS	6	TITANS	17	**SEAHAWKS**	**24**	CARDINALS	14
RAIDERS	10	GIANTS	18	**LIONS**	**20**	PATRIOTS	13
CHARGERS	**22**	**COMMANDERS**	**21**	CARDINALS	13	**49ERS**	**30**
BRONCOS	20	RAMS	10	**RAVENS**	**28**	**CHIEFS**	**17**
SEAHAWKS	**26**	**CARDINALS**	**41**	COWBOYS	25	CHARGERS	10
COWBOYS	**33**	**STEELERS**	**13**	49ERS	24	BROWNS	16
BROWNS	17	BRONCOS	6	**RAMS**	**27**	**RAIDERS**	**20**
COMMANDERS	20	BENGALS	25	**CHIEFS**	**22**	BILLS	10
BUCCANEERS	**37**	**CHIEFS**	**26**	FALCONS	17	**RAVENS**	**35**
RAMS	20	BEARS	13	JAGUARS	10	**TITANS**	**31**
LIONS	**26** (OT)	**TEXANS**	**19**	**BILLS**	**47**	DOLPHINS	12
JETS	19	**FALCONS**	**22**	**COMMANDERS**	**38**	SEAHAWKS	29
49ERS	**32**	EAGLES	21	BENGALS	33	**LIONS**	**42**

*Played in São Paulo, Brazil

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Joe Mixon (RB), Texans

AFC DEFENSE
Greg Rousseau (DE), Bills

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Chris Boswell (K), Steelers

NFC OFFENSE
Saquon Barkley (RB), Eagles

NFC DEFENSE
Tyrique Stevenson (DB), Bears

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Jake Moody (K), 49ers

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Jayden Daniels (QB), Commanders

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
James Cook (RB), Bills

AFC DEFENSE
Maxx Crosby (DE), Raiders

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Ka'imi Fairbairn (K), Texans

NFC OFFENSE
Alvin Kamara (RB), Saints

NFC DEFENSE
Jessie Bates (S), Falcons

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Austin Seibert (K), Commanders

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Braelon Allen (RB), Jets

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Josh Allen (QB), Bills

AFC DEFENSE
Jaylon Jones (CB), Colts

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Wil Lutz (K), Broncos

NFC OFFENSE
Jayden Daniels (QB), Commanders

NFC DEFENSE
Jonathan Greenard (LB), Vikings

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Jack Fox (P), Lions

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Jayden Daniels (QB), Commanders

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Derrick Henry (RB), Ravens

AFC DEFENSE
Chris Jones (DT), Chiefs

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Nick Folk (K), Titans

NFC OFFENSE
Jared Goff (QB), Lions

NFC DEFENSE
Troy Andersen (LB), Falcons

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Tory Taylor (P), Bears

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Jayden Daniels (QB), Commanders

totaled 275 yards (202 passing, 73 rushing) while throwing and running for touchdowns as part of the Packers' 30-14 win at Tennessee. ... Malik Nabers had a pair of touchdown receptions among his eight catches in the Giants' 21-15 win at Cleveland. ... Dondrea Tillman had two of the Broncos' seven sacks in a 26-7 victory over Tampa Bay. ... Kyren Williams scored on a 4-yard run — his third TD of the day — and Joshua Karty kicked a tie-breaking 37-yard field goal as the Rams rallied with 10 points in the final two minutes of play to stun the 49ers, 27-24. ... Jaylon Jones intercepted two passes in the Colts' 21-16 victory over Chicago.

WEEK 4: Ravens Rise

Setting the tone with an 87-yard touchdown run on the Ravens' first play from scrimmage — the longest in the team's 29 years in Baltimore — Derrick Henry piled up 199 yards rushing to help send the Bills to their first defeat of the year, 35-10. "If he gets into the secondary, he's pretty much gone, and it's hard to catch him because he's fast," Ravens QB Lamar Jackson said of Henry. "He's not just a powerful back." Henry also had his first TD reception in five seasons, a 5-yarder from Jackson (13-of-18, 156 yards, 2 TDs). Overall, Baltimore racked up 427 yards of offense — compared to Buffalo's 236 — and snapped the Bills' NFL-record streak of 43 consecutive regular-season games without a loss by six-or-more points. Still, Ravens players kept the result in perspective. "We didn't win a Super Bowl today," said safety Kyle Hamilton, who had a fumble recovery along with a team-high seven tackles. "Big win for us ... but we've got a long road ahead."

EXTRA POINTS: Chris Jones recorded four tackles and two sacks in the Chiefs' 17-10 win over the Chargers, improving Kansas City to 4-0 for the first time since 2018. ... Ja'Marr Chase had a 63-yard touchdown reception to key the Bengals' 34-24 victory at Carolina. ... C.J. Stroud passed for 345 yards and two TDs, including the game-winning 1-yarder to Dare Ogunbowale with 18 seconds remaining, as the Texans overcame the Jaguars, 24-20. ... Xavier McKinney, who signed with Green Bay after four seasons with the Giants, became the first player in 29 seasons to have an interception in each of his first four games with a new team. ... In the Lions' 42-29 win over Seattle, Jared Goff completed all 18 of his passes to become the first quarterback in NFL history with a perfect completion percentage (minimum 15 attempts). Goff also caught a 7-yard TD pass. ... The NFL family announced it was providing more than $8 million to support those affected by Hurricane Helene, which ravaged several states in the southeast.

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The Chiefs' Travis Kelce (87) celebrates a touchdown against Las Vegas while teammate DeAndre Hopkins (8) looks on. Kansas City won the game, 27-20, as part of an 8-0 start.

NFL STANDINGS THROUGH WEEK 9

AFC EAST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Bills	**7-2-0**	**.778**	**260**	**173**
Jets	3-6-0	.333	171	183
Dolphins	2-6-0	.250	124	187
Patriots	2-7-0	.222	141	217

AFC NORTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Steelers	**6-2-0**	**.750**	**187**	**119**
Ravens	6-3-0	.667	283	219
Bengals	4-5-0	.444	236	227
Browns	2-7-0	.222	148	213

AFC SOUTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Texans	**6-3-0**	**.667**	**201**	**200**
Colts	4-5-0	.444	188	193
Titans	2-6-0	.250	140	213
Jaguars	2-7-0	.222	195	252

AFC WEST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Chiefs	**8-0-0**	**1.000**	**203**	**147**
Chargers	5-3-0	.625	159	101
Broncos	5-4-0	.556	183	161
Raiders	2-7-0	.222	168	251

NFC EAST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Commanders	**7-2-0**	**.778**	**263**	**189**
Eagles	6-2-0	.750	199	155
Cowboys	3-5-0	.375	171	225
Giants	2-7-0	.222	139	202

NFC NORTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Lions	**7-1-0**	**.875**	**258**	**148**
Vikings	6-2-0	.750	209	150
Packers	6-3-0	.667	230	194
Bears	4-4-0	.500	172	148

NFC SOUTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Falcons	**6-3-0**	**.667**	**221**	**216**
Buccaneers	4-5-0	.444	259	243
Panthers	2-7-0	.222	147	293
Saints	2-7-0	.222	207	229

NFC WEST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Cardinals	**5-4-0**	**.556**	**207**	**214**
Rams	4-4-0	.500	170	194
49ers	4-4-0	.500	210	182
Seahawks	4-5-0	.444	210	221

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K.C. Keeps Up Winning Pace

TWO-TIME DEFENDING SUPER BOWL CHAMPS SHOW DEPTH AND RESILIENCE WHILE STAYING UNBEATEN

With all their trademarks — a famously explosive offense, a shutdown defense, and the ability to come through in the clutch — on full display, the Kansas City Chiefs crossed the season's midway mark with an 8-0 record to stand as the NFL's final unbeaten team.

Never were those qualities more evident than in Week 9's 30-24 win over the Buccaneers. The Chiefs trailed in the fourth quarter and later surrendered a game-tying touchdown in the final minute of regulation, only to methodically march down the field for the victory on their first possession of overtime.

Patrick Mahomes completed all five of his passes on the final drive — capping a night that saw him throw for 291 yards and three touchdowns in a persistent rain — and Kareem Hunt finished things off with a 2-yard TD run, extending Kansas City's winning streak to 14 games dating back to the 2023 season (including playoffs).

"I pride myself on being able to throw in any condition," said Mahomes. "I think that's an advantage at [our stadium], and so if it's raining, snowing, it's cold or it's hot, whatever it is, I want to be the best thrower of the football on the field. That's why we want the playoffs to come through [here]. It's a special place, and you have to be able to play in every environment."

After grinding out victories over the first few weeks, the Chiefs' offense found its groove in Week 5. Mahomes passed for 331 yards, Travis Kelce had

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Saquon Barkley (26) does a backwards leap to avoid Jaguars defender Jarrian Jones (22) during the Eagles' Week 9 victory.

nine receptions, and Hunt rushed for 102 yards and a touchdown in a 26-13 victory over the Saints.

Following a bye week, the Chiefs and the 49ers engaged in a rematch of Super Bowl LVIII, with the Chiefs again coming out on top, 28-18. Much of the damage was done on the ground — Kansas City rushed for 184 yards and four TDs, two of those by Hunt. The Chiefs also picked off 49ers QB Brock Purdy three times in Kansas City territory, one of those in the end zone by Jaden Hicks to end a fourth-quarter threat.

Mahomes then keyed a 27-20 win over the Raiders, throwing for 262 yards and two touchdowns while reaching 30,000 career passing yards in his 103rd game, faster than any player in league history. Kansas City's defense again flexed its muscle, this time in the run game, limiting the Raiders to 33 yards on the ground.

"It's pretty cool to get the band back together," said receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster, who was a member of the Chiefs' Super Bowl LVII title team before spending the 2023 season with the Patriots. "Man, I'm telling you, there is no place like this. What we have here is special. It's unreal."

WEEK 5: Royal Returns

Points from defense and special teams played a huge role in the weekend's outcomes, including the Vikings' 23-17 win over the Jets at London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Andrew Van Ginkel stepped in front of an Aaron Rodgers pass and returned it 63 yards for a first-quarter TD — one of three Minnesota interceptions on the day — to help the Vikings improve to 5-0 for the first time since 2016. "I couldn't believe it happened," Van Ginkel said. "It's something that I just read and caught the ball." In Seattle's game against the Giants, Seahawks safety Rayshawn Jenkins opened the scoring by bringing back a fumble 102 yards for a TD — tied for the third-longest fumble-return touchdown in NFL history. But it was the Giants that came up with the game's biggest play when Isaiah Simmons blocked a potential game-tying field goal with 1:05 remaining that teammate Bryce Ford-Wheaton returned 60 yards for a touchdown to clinch a 29-20 victory. Denver, meanwhile, was trailing Las Vegas, 10-0, and in danger of falling further behind before Pat Surtain II reversed the momentum with his 100-yard interception-return touchdown. It started a stampede of 34 consecutive Broncos points on their way to a 34-18 victory. "I caught the ball and saw a full [field] of green grass," said Surtain, who added another interception later in the game, "and I was like, 'Yeah, this is a touchdown.'"

EXTRA POINTS: Kirk Cousins threw for 509 yards and four touchdowns, the last of those a 45-yarder to KhaDarel Hodge in overtime that completed Atlanta's 36-30 win over Tampa Bay. ... Caleb Williams threw a pair of TD passes to DJ Moore, and D'Andre Swift rushed for 73 yards and a touchdown, sparking Chicago past Carolina, 36-10. ... Trevor Lawrence passed for 371 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and Cam Little kicked a tie-breaking 49-yard field goal in the final seconds, as the Jaguars edged the Colts, 37-34. ... C.J. Stroud's 331-yard passing day included a 67-yard TD to Nico Collins and Ka'imi Fairbairn made a 59-yard field goal as time expired to lift Houston to a 23-20 win over Buffalo. ... The Ravens fought back from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to defeat Cincinnati, 41-38, in overtime as Lamar Jackson became the first player in NFL history with multiple games with at least 300 passing yards, 50 rushing yards, and four touchdown passes.

WEEK 6: North Stars

When the dust cleared from the weekend, all four NFC North teams had winning records — the first division to accomplish that feat through six weeks since realignment in 2002. The Bears got things rolling, improving to 4-2 with a 35-16 victory over the Jaguars in London, thanks in part to Caleb Williams' four TD passes — two each to Cole Kmet and

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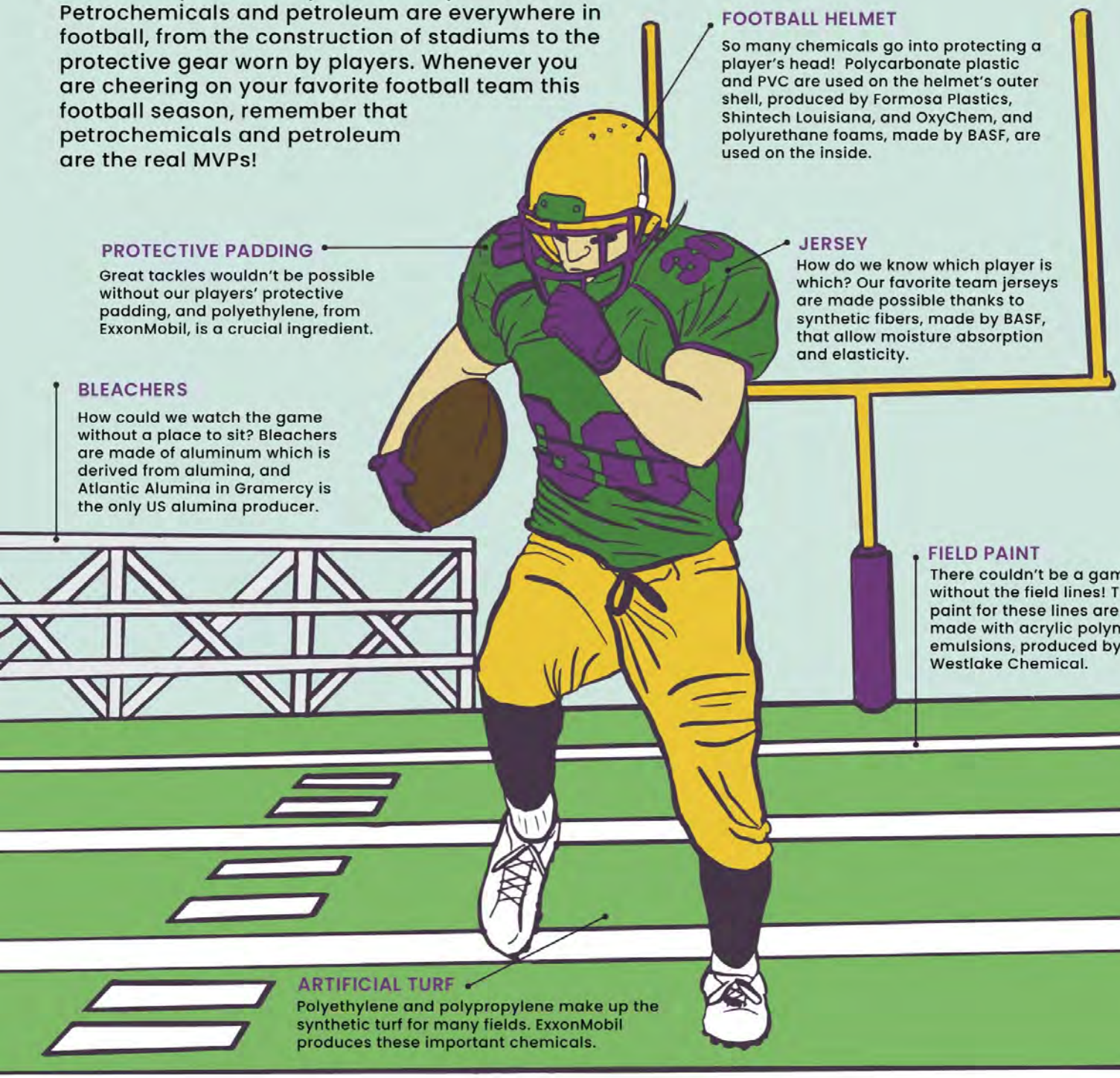

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Linebacker T.J. Watt had five tackles and forced a pair of fumbles in the Steelers' Week 6 victory over the Raiders.

Keenan Allen. "When [Caleb] is in a groove like that, and all the balls are catchable, it's pretty easy to play receiver," Allen said. "Week in, week out, he gets better." The Lions climbed to 4-1 with a 47-9 win at Dallas. For the victors, Jared Goff amassed 315 passing yards and threw for three touchdowns, and Brian Branch contributed two interceptions, a forced fumble, and six tackles. "I thought we played the most complete game we've played here in a long time," said Lions head coach Dan Campbell. "We applied pressure, we finally got a multiple-takeaway game." Jordan Love's four-touchdown day keyed the Packers' 34-13 win over Arizona, lifting them to 4-2, while Minnesota, which had a bye, owned a 5-0 mark.

EXTRA POINTS: The Buccaneers became the fifth team in NFL history with at least 300 passing yards and 275 rushing yards in the same game — finishing with 602 yards overall — in their 51-27 win over the Saints. ... The Texans' Will Anderson Jr. had three sacks among his eight tackles in Houston's 41-21 victory at New England. ...Joe Flacco passed for 189 yards and two touchdowns as the Colts came away with a 20-17 decision over the Titans. ... Najee Harris scored on a 36-yard run and Patrick Queen totaled a game-high 13 tackles to fuel the Steelers' 32-13 win at the Raiders. ... Josh Allen threw touchdown passes to Dawson Knox and Mack Hollins and ran for another TD to carry the Bills past the Jets, 23-20.

WEEK 7: Drive for Five

After facing an early 10-0 deficit against Tampa Bay, Lamar Jackson rallied the Ravens to their fifth consecutive victory ... with some help from cornerback Marlon Humphrey. Jackson completed 17 of 22 passes for 281 yards with five touchdowns — two of those to Mark Andrews — and added 52 rushing yards in the 41-31 win. The result improved Jackson to 23-1 against NFC teams. "It doesn't matter when, where, or what. [Lamar] is the ultimate competitor," Andrews said. "It's just play after play after play of him making big-time plays and helping this team win games. He does it better than anybody in the league." Humphrey was a big part of the momentum shift as well. He had an end zone interception that prevented the Buccaneers from padding their early lead, setting up a four-play, 80-yard touchdown drive for the Ravens, and added a second interception that led to Justin Tucker's 28-yard field goal just before halftime.

EXTRA POINTS: Jahmyr Gibbs rushed for two touchdowns and Jake Bates kicked a 44-yard field goal with 15 seconds remaining to lift the Lions to a 31-29 victory over Minnesota, handing the Vikings their first loss of the season. ... In London, Parker Washington scored on a 96-yard punt-return touchdown to highlight the Jaguars' 32-16 win over New England. ... Saquon Barkley rushed for 176 yards and a TD as the Eagles cruised past the Giants, 28-3. ... Kyren Williams scored a rushing touchdown for the ninth consecutive game and Cobie Durant recorded two passes defensed, an interception, a sack, and a forced fumble in the Rams' 20-15 win over Las Vegas. ... Cody Barton played a big part in Denver's 33-10 victory at New Orleans, totaling eight tackles, one pass defensed, a forced fumble, and scoring on a 52-yard fumble-return touchdown.

WEEK 8: Two Tops One

The Bears' game at Washington marked the sixth time in NFL history that the top two selections in the draft met as starting quarterbacks in their rookie seasons. And on the game's final play, No. 2 (Jayden Daniels) defeated No. 1 (Caleb Williams) when the Commanders' Daniels launched a 52-yard touchdown pass to Noah Brown for an 18-15 victory. The duel appeared to go in favor of Williams and the Bears when Roschon Johnson scored the go-ahead TD on a 1-yard run with 27 seconds to play, but after the Commanders took possession at their own 24-yard line, Daniels completed passes to Zach Ertz and Terry McLaurin to bring the ball to near midfield. He then scrambled for more than 10 seconds on the game's final play before throwing a pass that tipped off a defender's fingers and into Brown's hands in the end zone. Daniels didn't see the catch, noting, "I just heard people screaming and our sideline rushing the field. That's how I knew," he said. "That's kind of like a once-in-a-lifetime experience." Daniels finished with 326 passing yards and had another 52 on the ground; Williams threw for 131 yards and rushed for 47 while rallying Chicago from a 12-0 third-quarter deficit.

EXTRA POINTS: Bo Nix threw for three touchdowns and ran for a fourth in the Broncos' 28-14 victory over Carolina. ... Jameis Winston's third TD pass of the game, a 38-yard throw to Cedric Tillman with 59 seconds remaining, lifted the Browns over the Ravens, 29-24. ... Trey McBride caught nine passes for 124 yards in the Cardinals' 28-27 comeback victory at Miami. ... Ladd McConkey had a pair of TD receptions, including a 60-yarder, in the Chargers' 28-6 win vs. the Saints. ... Kirk

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WEEK 5 / October 3-7		WEEK 6 / October 10-14		WEEK 7 / October 17-21		WEEK 8 / October 24-28		WEEK 9 / Oct. 31 – Nov. 4	
BUCCANEERS	30	**49ERS**	**36**	**BRONCOS**	**33**	VIKINGS	20	TEXANS	13
FALCONS	**36** (OT)	SEAHAWKS	24	SAINTS	10	**RAMS**	**30**	**JETS**	**21**
JETS	17	JAGUARS	16	PATRIOTS	16	RAVENS	24	COWBOYS	21
VIKINGS	**23***	**BEARS**	**35***	**JAGUARS**	**32***	**BROWNS**	**29**	**FALCONS**	**27**
PANTHERS	10	COMMANDERS	23	**SEAHAWKS**	**34**	TITANS	14	BRONCOS	10
BEARS	**36**	**RAVENS**	**30**	FALCONS	14	**LIONS**	**52**	**RAVENS**	**41**
RAVENS	**41**	CARDINALS	13	TITANS	10	COLTS	20	DOLPHINS	27
BENGALS	38 (OT)	**PACKERS**	**34**	**BILLS**	**34**	**TEXANS**	**23**	**BILLS**	**30**
BILLS	20	**TEXANS**	**41**	**BENGALS**	**21**	**PACKERS**	**30**	SAINTS	22
TEXANS	**23**	PATRIOTS	21	BROWNS	14	JAGUARS	27	**PANTHERS**	**23**
COLTS	34	**BUCCANEERS**	**51**	TEXANS	22	**CARDINALS**	**28**	RAIDERS	24
JAGUARS	**37**	SAINTS	27	**PACKERS**	**24**	DOLPHINS	27	**BENGALS**	**41**
DOLPHINS	**15**	BROWNS	16	DOLPHINS	10	JETS	22	**CHARGERS**	**27**
PATRIOTS	10	**EAGLES**	**20**	**COLTS**	**16**	**PATRIOTS**	**25**	BROWNS	10
BROWNS	13	**COLTS**	**20**	**LIONS**	**31**	**FALCONS**	**31**	**COMMANDERS**	**27**
COMMANDERS	**34**	TITANS	17	VIKINGS	29	BUCCANEERS	26	GIANTS	22
RAIDERS	18	**CHARGERS**	**23**	**EAGLES**	**28**	**EAGLES**	**37**	PATRIOTS	17
BRONCOS	**34**	BRONCOS	16	GIANTS	3	BENGALS	17	**TITANS**	**20** (OT)
CARDINALS	**24**	**STEELERS**	**32**	RAIDERS	15	SAINTS	8	BEARS	9
49ERS	23	RAIDERS	13	**RAMS**	**20**	**CHARGERS**	**26**	**CARDINALS**	**29**
PACKERS	**24**	**FALCONS**	**38**	PANTHERS	7	**BILLS**	**31**	JAGUARS	23
RAMS	19	PANTHERS	20	**COMMANDERS**	**40**	SEAHAWKS	10	**EAGLES**	**28**
GIANTS	**29**	**LIONS**	**47**	**CHIEFS**	**28**	BEARS	15	**LIONS**	**24**
SEAHAWKS	20	COWBOYS	9	49ERS	18	**COMMANDERS**	**18**	PACKERS	14
COWBOYS	**20**	**BENGALS**	**17**	JETS	15	PANTHERS	14	**RAMS**	**26**
STEELERS	17	GIANTS	7	**STEELERS**	**37**	**BRONCOS**	**28**	SEAHAWKS	20 (OT)
SAINTS	13	**BILLS**	**23**	**RAVENS**	**41**	**CHIEFS**	**27**	COLTS	13
CHIEFS	**26**	JETS	20	BUCCANEERS	31	RAIDERS	20	**VIKINGS**	**21**
*Played in London, England		*Played in London, England		CHARGERS	15	COWBOYS	24	BUCCANEERS	24
BYES: CHARGERS, EAGLES, LIONS, TITANS		BYES: CHIEFS, DOLPHINS, RAMS, VIKINGS		**CARDINALS**	**17**	**49ERS**	**30**	**CHIEFS**	**30** (OT)
				*Played in London, England		GIANTS	18	BYES: 49ERS, STEELERS	
				BYES: BEARS, COWBOYS		**STEELERS**	**26**		

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Lamar Jackson, QB, Ravens

AFC DEFENSE
Pat Surtain II, CB, Broncos

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Ka'imi Fairbairn, K, Texans

NFC OFFENSE
Kirk Cousins, QB, Falcons

NFC DEFENSE
Xavier McKinney, S, Packers

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Isaiah Simmons, S/LB, Giants

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Jayden Daniels, QB, Commanders

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Derrick Henry, RB, Ravens

AFC DEFENSE
Will Anderson Jr., DE, Texans

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Rigoberto Sanchez, P, Colts

NFC OFFENSE
Sean Tucker, RB, Buccaneers

NFC DEFENSE
Brian Branch, S, Lions

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Cole Kmet, TE, Bears

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Jayden Daniels, QB, Commanders

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Lamar Jackson, QB, Ravens

AFC DEFENSE
Cody Barton, LB, Broncos

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Charlie Jones, WR, Bengals

NFC OFFENSE
Saquon Barkley, RB, Eagles

NFC DEFENSE
Cobie Durant, CB, Rams

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Jake Bates, K, Lions

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Keon Coleman, WR, Bills

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Jameis Winston, QB, Browns

AFC DEFENSE
T.J. Watt, LB, Steelers

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Calvin Austin, PR, Steelers

NFC OFFENSE
Kirk Cousins, QB, Falcons

NFC DEFENSE
Edgerrin Cooper, LB, Packers

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Kalif Raymond, PR, Lions

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Jayden Daniels, QB, Commanders

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Garrett Wilson, WR, Jets

AFC DEFENSE
Trey Hendrickson, DE, Bengals

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Tyler Bass, K, Bills

NFC OFFENSE
Saquon Barkley, RB, Eagles

NFC DEFENSE
Kamren Kinchens, S, Rams

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Blake Gillikin, P, Cardinals

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Jayden Daniels, QB, Commanders

Cousins threw for 276 yards and four touchdowns to pace the Falcons' 31-26 win at Tampa Bay. ... Kalif Raymond recorded 190 punt-return yards (including a 90-yard punt-return TD) and had a 7-yard touchdown reception in Detroit's 52-14 victory against Tennessee. ... Edgerrin Cooper recorded eight tackles, a sack, and a forced fumble in Green Bay's 30-27 win at Jacksonville. ... George Kittle racked up 128 receiving yards, including a 2-yard TD catch, to help the 49ers edge Dallas, 30-24. ... T.J. Watt had seven tackles, two sacks, and a forced fumble, and Calvin Austin scored on a 73-yard punt return and added a touchdown reception in the Steelers' 26-18 victory over the Giants.

WEEK 9: Wild in the West

In the hotly contested NFC West, where the four teams were separated by one game, the Rams pulled out a clutch victory by edging the Seahawks in overtime. Los Angeles earned the 26-20 win on Demarcus Robinson's 39-yard TD catch, shortly after its defense stopped Seattle on downs at the Rams 16-yard line early in the extra session. "If we don't get the ball right there, we don't get a chance," said Rams QB Matthew Stafford, who had 298 yards passing and earlier had thrown another touchdown pass to Robinson. "The defense did a hell of a job getting us the ball back." The Rams' defense also came up big in the fourth quarter when Kamren Kinchens brought back his first career interception 103 yards for a touchdown. "What a unique, weird game that was," Rams head coach Sean McVay said. "What a job by our group to come away with the win."

EXTRA POINTS: Tyler Bass kicked the game-winning 61-yard field goal with five seconds remaining in regulation to lift the Bills over Miami, 30-27. ... Lamar Jackson completed 16 of 19 pass attempts (84.2 percent) for 280 yards with three TDs and no interceptions for a 158.3 rating — the highest attainable mark — in the Ravens' 41-10 win over Denver. It was his fourth career game with that rating, the most of any quarterback in league history. ... The Chargers had six sacks and three interceptions in their 27-10 victory at Cleveland, while also becoming the sixth team since 1990 to allow 20-or-fewer points in each of its first eight games of a season. ... Joe Burrow threw five touchdown passes in the Bengals' 41-24 win over Las Vegas. ... The Lions scored a pair of second-quarter TDs — on Amon-Ra St. Brown's 3-yard catch and Kerby Joseph's 27-yard interception return — to ignite their 24-14 win at Green Bay. ... As part of the Eagles' 28-23 win over Jacksonville, Jalen Hurts became the first player in NFL history with a touchdown pass, a rushing touchdown, and a passer rating of 115-or-higher in three consecutive games.

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As part of the Lions' powerful ground game, Jahmyr Gibbs had rushed for 1,016 yards and 10 touchdowns through 13 games.

NFL STANDINGS THROUGH WEEK 14

+Clinched division title *Clinched playoff berth

AFC EAST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Bills*	**10-3-0**	**.769**	**397**	**268**
Dolphins	6-7-0	.462	264	292
Jets	3-10-0	.231	251	300
Patriots	3-10-0	.231	221	307

AFC NORTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Steelers	**10-3-0**	**.769**	**323**	**238**
Ravens	8-5-0	.615	383	318
Bengals	5-8-0	.385	362	360
Browns	3-10-0	.231	232	335

AFC SOUTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Texans	**8-5-0**	**.615**	**308**	**288**
Colts	6-7-0	.462	267	298
Jaguars	3-10-0	.231	238	345
Titans	3-10-0	.231	227	342

AFC WEST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Chiefs*	**12-1-0**	**.923**	**308**	**252**
Chargers	8-5-0	.615	277	207
Broncos	8-5-0	.615	305	234
Raiders	2-11-0	.154	236	361

NFC EAST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Eagles*	**11-2-0**	**.846**	**342**	**234**
Commanders	8-5-0	.615	376	296
Cowboys	5-8-0	.385	268	366
Giants	2-11-0	.154	194	293

NFC NORTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Lions*	**12-1-0**	**.923**	**417**	**234**
Vikings	11-2-0	.846	339	240
Packers	9-4-0	.692	349	274
Bears	4-9-0	.308	254	278

NFC SOUTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Buccaneers	**7-6-0**	**.538**	**363**	**309**
Falcons	6-7-0	.462	278	333
Saints	5-8-0	.385	290	292
Panthers	3-10-0	.231	233	388

NFC WEST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Seahawks	**8-5-0**	**.615**	**302**	**283**
Rams	7-6-0	.538	298	332
Cardinals	6-7-0	.462	284	289
49ers	6-7-0	.462	308	308

Detroit in the Driver's Seat

FRANCHISE-RECORD 11-GAME WINNING STREAK PLACES LIONS ATOP NFC PLAYOFF PACK

Both in the standings and on the stat sheet, the Detroit Lions continued to build a résumé as impressive as any team in the NFL.

As the season barreled into December, their 12-1 record was tied with Kansas City for the best in the league and positioned them to add a thrilling chapter to the franchise's 95-year history.

The Lions' offense ranked No. 1 in the NFL, averaging 32.1 points per game, and had rushed for a touchdown in 28 consecutive games (including postseason), the longest streak in NFL annals.

A 34-31 prime-time win over Green Bay in Week 14 put an exclamation point on the run and summed up the team's aggressive approach under head coach Dan Campbell. Detroit went for it on fourth down on five occasions, the last of those in the game's final minute to take extra time off the clock before Jake Bates kicked a walk-off 35-yard field goal.

"That was how I wanted to play it with where we are at," said Campbell, whose squad clinched a playoff spot with the win. "This will be one of those (games) you'll never forget."

Jared Goff threw three touchdown passes in the win, two of those on fourth-down plays, and David Montgomery opened the scoring with a 3-yard TD run.

It was similarly tight in Week 10, when the Lions faced a 16-point third-quarter deficit at Houston before rallying for a 26-23 victory. Though Goff was guilty of five interceptions,

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Weeks 10-14

Baker Mayfield's 28 touchdown passes through 13 games was tied for the most in the NFC and helped the Bucs hold a one-game lead in the NFC South.

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he came through when it counted, throwing a 9-yard touchdown pass to Amon-Ra St. Brown to draw Detroit close before Bates made field goals from 58 and 52 yards in the final five minutes to provide the tying and winning points.

There was less drama the following weekend in a 52-6 victory over the Jaguars. Montgomery rushed for a pair of touchdowns as the Lions became the first team in 51 years to have three wins of 35-or-more points in their first 10 games of a season.

Week 12's 24-6 win over the Colts was highlighted by Jahmyr Gibbs' two TD runs, while defensively, linebacker Jack Campbell led the way with eight tackles and two passes defensed. And in their annual Thanksgiving Day contest, the Lions edged the Bears, 23-20. Sam LaPorta had a pair of TD catches and Bates kicked three field goals.

Though pleased with where his team stood, Campbell insisted no one was satisfied.

"We want to go [into the playoffs] on our own terms, and we want to find a way to get the one seed, and that's the priority," he said.

WEEK 10: Amazing Endings

Nine of the week's 14 games were decided by eight points or fewer, and six teams came back to win after trailing in the fourth quarter. Kansas City was among them, keeping its perfect season alive when Leo Chenal blocked a field-goal attempt on the final play of regulation to preserve a 16-14 victory over Denver. "I was really praying for something to happen," Chenal said after swatting away the 35-yard attempt. "That moment is so heavy. There's a second on the clock, they're going to kick a field goal, and you feel the weight of the moment." San Francisco overcame Tampa Bay, getting a fourth-quarter touchdown on Brock Purdy's 11-yard pass to George Kittle and then prevailing, 23-20, on Jake Moody's 44-yard field goal as time expired. "I really, really wanted a chance to redeem myself," said Moody, who made two earlier field goals but also missed three kicks. "I felt good going that direction. It was the same exact spot as the previous [miss]. I saw what happened with the previous one and was able to make an adjustment."

EXTRA POINTS: Lamar Jackson threw three fourth-quarter touchdown passes to lift the Ravens to a 35-34 win over the Bengals and spoil a spectacular effort from Cincinnati receiver Ja'Marr Chase (11 catches, 264 yards, 3 TDs). ... In the NFL's final international game of the season — played in Munich, Germany — Chuba Hubbard rushed for 153 yards, Josey Jewell recovered a fumble on the first play of overtime, and Eddy Piñeiro kicked the game-winning 36-yard field goal as the Panthers topped the Giants, 20-17. ... Taron Johnson registered a sack and a 23-yard interception-return touchdown in Buffalo's 30-20 win at Indianapolis. ... Russell Wilson's 32-yard touchdown pass to Mike Williams with 2:22 to play proved the difference in the Steelers' 28-27 victory at Washington. ... Kyler Murray ran for two TDs and threw for another in the Cardinals' 31-6 win over the Jets.

WEEK 11: Big Day in Buffalo

Josh Allen scored on a 26-yard run with just over two minutes remaining, clinching the Bills' 30-21 win over the Chiefs and snapping Kansas City's 15-game winning streak. "When Josh takes off, I find myself just watching, like, 'Wow, he's different,'" said rookie receiver Khalil Shakir after the win, Buffalo's sixth in a row. "When he took off, I just started yelling. I couldn't stop yelling. I was blanking in the head." The play came on fourth-and-2 when Bills head coach Sean McDermott passed on a field-goal attempt that would have put his team up five points. "I appreciated coach for trusting us," Allen said. "Any time you give the ball back to Pat (Mahomes) and that offense with the game on the line, I like their odds." Buffalo linebacker Terrel Bernard recorded eight tackles and a sack, and capped his day with the game-sealing interception. James Cook had a pair of first-half touchdown runs for the victors, and Buffalo took the lead for good on Tyler Bass' 33-yard field goal at the end of the first half.

EXTRA POINTS: Bo Nix completed 28 of 33 passes for 307 yards and four touchdowns in the Broncos' 38-6 win over Atlanta. ... The Steelers defeated Baltimore, 18-16, as kicker Chris Boswell converted all six of his field goal attempts, three from 50-plus yards. ... Karl Brooks blocked a field-goal attempt on the final play of regulation, securing the Packers' 20-19 victory over the Bears. ... Justin Jefferson caught six passes for 81 yards in the Vikings' 23-13 win at Tennessee, giving him 6,811 career receiving yards and surpassing Torry Holt for the most by a player in his first five seasons. ... Kamren Kinchens recorded eight tackles, an interception, a tackle for loss, and a forced fumble in the Rams' 28-22 victory at New England. ... The Raiders' Brock Bowers caught 13 passes against the Dolphins, the most receptions by a rookie tight end in a game in NFL history. ... Taysom Hill starred across the board in the Saints' 35-14 victory over Cleveland, accounting for eight receptions, 188 scrimmage yards, three rushing touchdowns, and one pass completion.

WEEK 12: Eagles Soaring

Behind a big night from Saquon Barkley, the Eagles won their seventh consecutive game by

The Rams' passing game began to take off with the return of Puka Nacua, who had touchdown receptions in the team's victories over New England, New Orleans, and Buffalo.

Even as nearly two feet of snow fell in Upstate New York, Bills head coach Sean McDermott saw his team clear a path to its fifth straight AFC East title with a 35-10 win over San Francisco in Week 13.

defeating the Rams, 37-20. Barkley scored on runs of 70 and 72 yards, part of an effort that saw him rush for 255 yards, both a franchise record and the ninth-highest total in NFL history. His first touchdown came on the opening play of the second half, giving Philadelphia a 20-7 lead, while his second, with 2:44 to play, put the game out of reach. "Saquon has that ability to hit home runs, and so sometimes that's how it goes," Eagles head coach Nick Sirianni said of his star running back, who became the first player with two TD runs of 70+ yards in a game since Maurice Jones-Drew in 2009. "You get a short gain, short gain, short gain — then, boom, home run." Philly also received 109 receiving yards from A.J. Brown, which included a 6-yard catch for the team's first touchdown. Defensively, the Eagles totaled five sacks, two of those from Milton Williams, and Nakobe Dean contributed a team-high eight tackles.

EXTRA POINTS: Myles Garrett recorded five tackles, three sacks, and a forced fumble, and Nick Chubb scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 2-yard run with 57 seconds to play, lifting the Browns past Pittsburgh, 24-19. ... Tua Tagovailoa threw for 317 yards and four touchdowns as the Dolphins cruised past the Patriots, 34-15. ... Will Levis' 70-yard touchdown pass to Chigoziem Okonkwo early in the fourth quarter put the Titans ahead for good in their 32-27 victory at Houston. ... KaVontae Turpin returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown to help Dallas hold off Washington, 34-26. ... Josh Jacobs rushed for 106 yards and three TDs in the Packers' 38-10 win over San Francisco. ... Coby Bryant recorded six tackles and a 69-yard interception-return touchdown in Seattle's 16-6 victory against Arizona.

WEEK 13: Denver Delivers

In a wild Monday night game that saw the Broncos and Browns combine for 952 yards of offense, it was a huge defensive play that secured Denver's 41-32 victory. The Broncos were clinging to a two-point lead with under two minutes remaining when cornerback Ja'Quan McMillian made a leaping interception of a Jameis Winston pass and brought it back 44 yards for a game-clinching touchdown. Nik Bonitto also had an interception-return TD for the victors, while Bo Nix threw for 294 yards, highlighted by his 93-yard scoring strike to Marvin Mims Jr. Denver overcame a dynamic performance by Winston, who threw for 497 yards and four touchdowns. Javonte Williams and Michael Burton added rushing TDs for Denver, which took the lead for good on Wil Lutz's second field goal of the night, a 27-yarder with 2:54 to play. "It wasn't perfect by any means, but we were able to finish," said Broncos head coach Sean Payton, whose team improved to 8-5 and solidified its hold on an AFC wild card spot. "Big plays — the game was full of them."

EXTRA POINTS: Josh Allen became the first QB in the Super Bowl era to record a touchdown passing, rushing, and receiving in the same game, coming as part of the Bills'

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Weeks 10-14

WEEK 10/Nov. 7-11		WEEK 11/Nov. 14-18		WEEK 12/Nov. 21-25		WEEK 13/Nov. 28-Dec. 2		WEEK 14/Dec. 5-9	
BENGALS	34	COMMANDERS	18	STEELERS	19	BEARS	20	PACKERS	31
RAVENS	**35**	**EAGLES**	**26**	**BROWNS**	**24**	**LIONS**	**23**	**LIONS**	**34**
GIANTS	17	**PACKERS**	**20**	**CHIEFS**	**30**	GIANTS	20	JETS	26
PANTHERS	**20** (OT)*	BEARS	19	PANTHERS	27	**COWBOYS**	**27**	**DOLPHINS**	**32** (OT)
PATRIOTS	**19**	JAGUARS	6	**VIKINGS**	**30**	DOLPHINS	17	FALCONS	21
BEARS	3	**LIONS**	**52**	BEARS	27 (OT)	**PACKERS**	**30**	**VIKINGS**	**42**
BILLS	**30**	RAIDERS	19	**TITANS**	**32**	RAIDERS	17	**SAINTS**	**14**
COLTS	20	**DOLPHINS**	**34**	TEXANS	27	**CHIEFS**	**19**	GIANTS	11
VIKINGS	**12**	**RAMS**	**28**	**LIONS**	**24**	**CHARGERS**	**17**	PANTHERS	16
JAGUARS	7	PATRIOTS	22	COLTS	6	FALCONS	13	**EAGLES**	**22**
BRONCOS	14	BROWNS	14	PATRIOTS	15	**STEELERS**	**44**	BROWNS	14
CHIEFS	**16**	**SAINTS**	**35**	**DOLPHINS**	**34**	BENGALS	38	**STEELERS**	**27**
FALCONS	17	RAVENS	16	**BUCCANEERS**	**30**	**TEXANS**	**23**	RAIDERS	13
SAINTS	**20**	**STEELERS**	**18**	GIANTS	7	JAGUARS	20	**BUCCANEERS**	**28**
49ERS	**23**	**VIKINGS**	**23**	**COWBOYS**	**34**	CARDINALS	22	**JAGUARS**	**10**
BUCCANEERS	20	TITANS	13	COMMANDERS	26	**VIKINGS**	**23**	TITANS	6
STEELERS	**28**	**COLTS**	**28**	**BRONCOS**	**29**	**COLTS**	**25**	**SEAHAWKS**	**30**
COMMANDERS	27	JETS	27	RAIDERS	19	PATRIOTS	24	CARDINALS	18
TITANS	17	FALCONS	6	49ERS	10	**SEAHAWKS**	**26**	BILLS	42
CHARGERS	**27**	**BRONCOS**	**38**	**PACKERS**	**38**	JETS	21	**RAMS**	**44**
JETS	6	**SEAHAWKS**	**20**	CARDINALS	6	TITANS	19	BEARS	13
CARDINALS	**31**	49ERS	17	**SEAHAWKS**	**16**	**COMMANDERS**	**42**	**49ERS**	**38**
EAGLES	**34**	CHIEFS	21	**EAGLES**	**37**	**BUCCANEERS**	**26**	CHARGERS	17
COWBOYS	6	**BILLS**	**30**	RAMS	20	PANTHERS	23 (OT)	**CHIEFS**	**19**
LIONS	**26**	BENGALS	27	**RAVENS**	**30**	**RAMS**	**21**	**BENGALS**	**27**
TEXANS	23	**CHARGERS**	**34**	CHARGERS	23	SAINTS	14	COWBOYS	20
DOLPHINS	**23**	**TEXANS**	**34**			**EAGLES**	**24**		
RAMS	15	COWBOYS	10			RAVENS	19		
						49ERS	10		
						BILLS	**35**		
						BROWNS	32		
						BROWNS	**41**		

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BYES: BUCCANEERS, CARDINALS, GIANTS, PANTHERS

BYES: BENGALS, BILLS, FALCONS, JAGUARS, JETS, SAINTS

BYES: BRONCOS, COLTS, COMMANDERS, PATRIOTS, RAVENS, TEXANS

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Lamar Jackson, QB, Ravens
AFC DEFENSE
Taron Johnson, CB, Bills
AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Leo Chenal, LB, Chiefs
NFC OFFENSE
Kyler Murray, QB, Cardinals
NFC DEFENSE
Zack Baun, LB, Eagles
NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Jake Bates, K, Lions
PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Bo Nix, QB, Broncos

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AFC OFFENSE
Bo Nix, QB, Broncos
AFC DEFENSE
Terrel Bernard, LB, Steelers
AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Chris Boswell, K, Steelers
NFC OFFENSE
Taysom Hill, TE, Saints
NFC DEFENSE
Kamren Kinchens, S, Rams
NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Karl Brooks, DL, Packers
PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Bo Nix, QB, Broncos

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Tua Tagovailoa, QB, Dolphins
AFC DEFENSE
Myles Garrett, DE, Browns
AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Wil Lutz, K, Broncos
NFC OFFENSE
Saquon Barkley, RB, Eagles
NFC DEFENSE
Coby Bryant, S, Seahawks
NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
KaVontae Turpin, WR, Cowboys
PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Bo Nix, QB, Broncos

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Josh Allen, QB, Bills
AFC DEFENSE
Tarheeb Still, CB, Chargers
AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Kene Nwangwu, RB, Jets
NFC OFFENSE
Bucky Irving, RB, Buccaneers
NFC DEFENSE
Leonard Williams, DE, Seahawks
NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Braden Mann, P, Eagles
PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Jayden Daniels, QB, Commanders

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Ja'Marr Chase, WR, Bengals
AFC DEFENSE
Zach Sieler, DT, Dolphins
AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Matthew Wright, K, Chiefs
NFC OFFENSE
Sam Darnold, QB, Vikings
NFC DEFENSE
Yetur Gross-Matos, DL, 49ers
NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Bryan Bresee, DT, Saints
PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Tyrice Knight, LB, Seahawks

35-10 win over the 49ers that clinched the team's fifth consecutive AFC East title. ... Patrick Mahomes threw for 306 yards and a touchdown in a 19-17 victory over the Raiders, improving Kansas City to 11-1 and locking up a playoff berth for the Chiefs for the 10th straight season. ... With their 44-38 victory over Cincinnati, the Steelers improved to 9-3 and guaranteed their 21st consecutive season without a losing record, tied with the 1965-85 Cowboys for the longest streak in NFL history. ... Leonard Williams recorded two sacks, returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown, and blocked an extra-point attempt in the Seahawks' 26-21 win at the Jets. ... Tarheeb Still intercepted two passes, one he brought back 61 yards for a touchdown, in the Chargers' 17-13 victory at Atlanta.

WEEK 14: Points Aplenty

The wildest game of the weekend was won by the Rams, who edged out Buffalo, 44-42, to climb to 7-6 and improve their playoff hopes. For the winners, Puka Nacua scored on a 19-yard reception and a 4-yard run as part of a day that saw him catch 12 passes for 162 yards, and Kyren Williams rushed for two touchdowns and went over 1,000 rushing yards for the season. Los Angeles' special teams also came up big when Hunter Long returned a blocked punt 22 yards for another TD. "It's fantastic [knowing] this is what it feels like when the Rams are moving and connecting on all cylinders," Nacua said. It was just enough to fend off Buffalo, which saw its seven-game winning streak snapped despite QB Josh Allen totaling 424 yards (342 passing, 82 rushing) and becoming the first player in NFL history with three touchdown passes and three rushing TDs in a game. "Obviously, offensively, what [the Bills] have been doing is very impressive," said Rams receiver Cooper Kupp, whose 17-yard TD catch put his team ahead, 38-21, late in the third quarter. "Seeing it firsthand, they're a really good football team, so we needed everything we had as a team today."

EXTRA POINTS: Three teams scored winning points on the game's final play, including Miami, which took down the Jets, 32-26, on Tua Tagovailoa's 10-yard TD pass to Jonnu Smith on the first possession of overtime. ... Sam Darnold threw for 347 yards and five TDs, three of those to Jordan Addison, in the Vikings' 42-21 victory over Atlanta. ... The Eagles won their ninth consecutive game and secured a postseason berth for the fourth straight year by edging the Panthers, 22-16. ... Zach Charbonnet scored on runs of 1 and 51 yards and finished with 134 rushing yards in Seattle's 30-18 win at Arizona. ... George Kittle caught six passes for 151 yards in the 49ers' 38-13 victory over Chicago.

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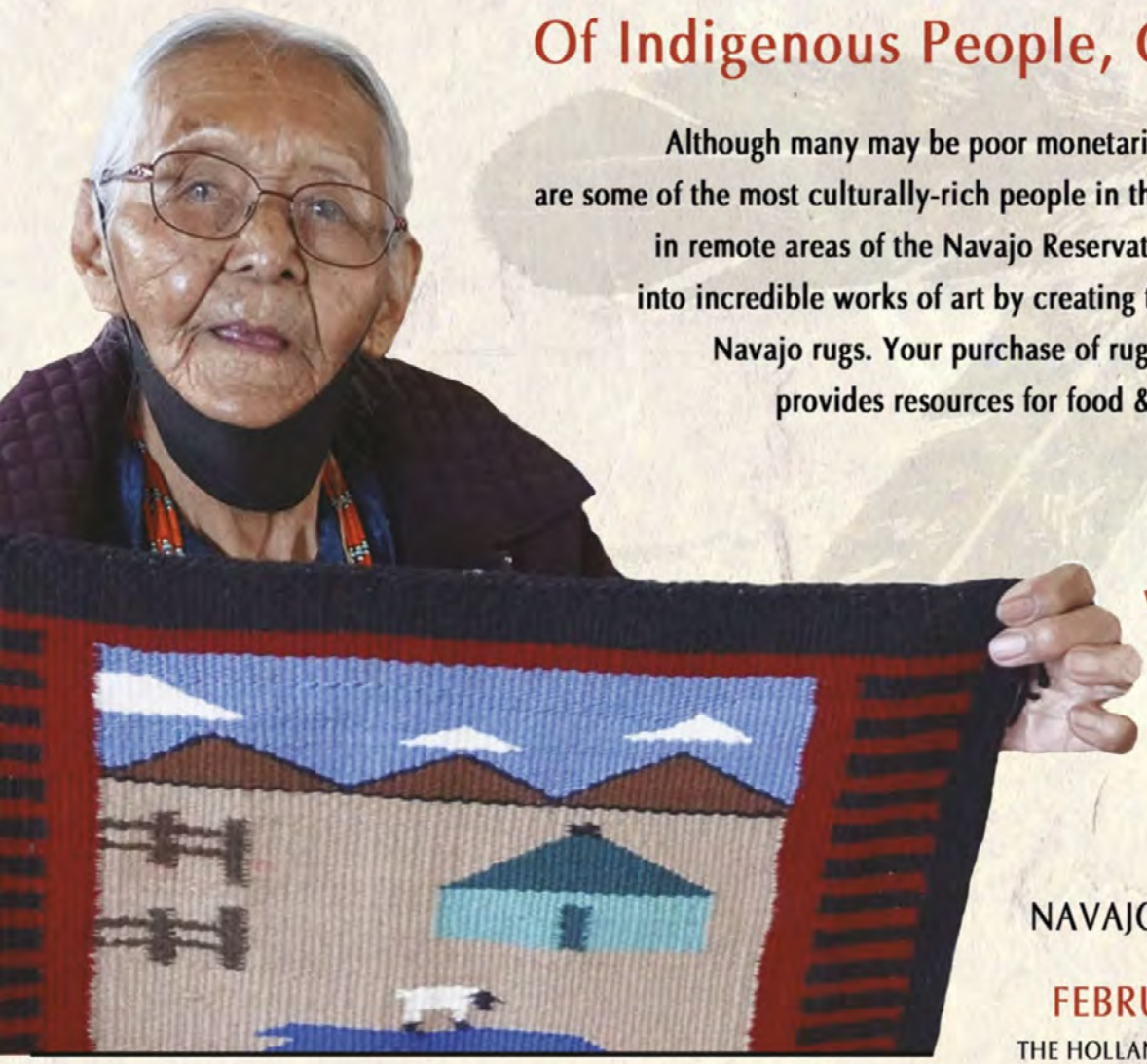

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FOURTH QUARTER

Weeks 15-18

Ravens QB Lamar Jackson dazzled in 2024, throwing 41 touchdown passes and just four interceptions for the AFC North champions.

FINAL NFL STANDINGS

‡Division Champion †Wild Card

AFC EAST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Bills‡	**13-4-0**	**.765**	**525**	**368**
Dolphins	8-9-0	.471	345	364
Jets	5-12-0	.294	338	404
Patriots	4-13-0	.235	289	417

AFC NORTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Ravens‡	**12-5-0**	**.706**	**518**	**361**
Steelers†	10-7-0	.588	380	347
Bengals	9-8-0	.529	472	434
Browns	3-14-0	.176	258	435

AFC SOUTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Texans‡	**10-7-0**	**.588**	**372**	**372**
Colts	8-9-0	.471	377	427
Jaguars	4-13-0	.235	320	435
Titans	3-14-0	.176	311	460

AFC WEST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Chiefs‡	**15-2-0**	**.882**	**385**	**326**
Chargers†	11-6-0	.647	402	301
Broncos†	10-7-0	.588	425	311
Raiders	4-13-0	.235	309	434

NFC EAST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Eagles‡	**14-3-0**	**.824**	**463**	**303**
Commanders†	12-5-0	.706	485	391
Cowboys	7-10-0	.412	350	468
Giants	3-14-0	.176	273	415

NFC NORTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Lions‡	**15-2-0**	**.882**	**564**	**342**
Vikings†	14-3-0	.824	432	332
Packers†	11-6-0	.647	460	338
Bears	5-12-0	.294	310	370

NFC SOUTH	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Buccaneers‡	**10-7-0**	**.588**	**502**	**385**
Falcons	8-9-0	.471	389	423
Panthers	5-12-0	.294	341	534
Saints	5-12-0	.294	338	398

NFC WEST	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA
Rams‡	**10-7-0**	**.588**	**367**	**386**
Seahawks	10-7-0	.588	375	368
Cardinals	8-9-0	.471	400	379
49ers	6-11-0	.353	389	436

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Ravens Rule the AFC North

SEASON-ENDING WIN STREAK SECURES CONFERENCE'S NO. 3 SEED

After chasing the Steelers for most of the season, the Baltimore Ravens propelled themselves to the AFC North title with a red-hot run that saw them win their final four games.

The Ravens stood at 8-5 heading into their Week 15 contest at the Giants — two games behind division-leading Pittsburgh — but found their stride thanks to a magnificent performance from Lamar Jackson. The seventh-year QB threw five touchdown passes and rushed for 65 yards while guiding a 35-14 victory.

That set up a huge showdown against the Steelers in Week 16, where Jackson had three TD passes and Marlon Humphrey brought back an interception for a game-clinching TD as part of a 34-17 win that locked up a playoff berth and pulled the teams even in the standings. Two Ravens reached season milestones on the day: Derrick Henry went over 1,500 rushing yards and Zay Flowers topped 1,000 receiving yards.

"I feel like we've been busting our behinds all season long, had ups and downs throughout this whole season, but to clinch a playoff (spot) against a great team like that, that's great," Jackson said. "That means we're moving in the right direction."

Baltimore took sole possession of first place on Christmas Day, cruising to a 31-2 triumph at Houston. Jackson had a pair of TD passes and ran 48 yards for another score, part of a game that saw him surpass Michael Vick (6,109) for most career

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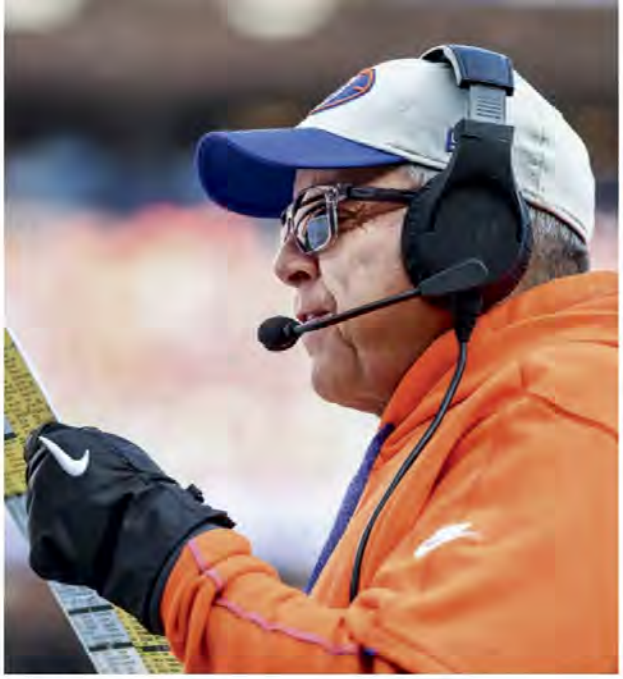

In his second season as Denver's head coach, Sean Payton guided the Broncos to their first playoff berth since 2015.

Raiders tight end Brock Bowers set an NFL record for receptions by a rookie, finishing the season with 112.

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rushing yards by a quarterback in NFL history. Henry's 147 rushing yards included his 16th touchdown of the season.

Still, the Ravens needed a win over Cleveland in the season finale to wrap up their second consecutive division crown, and did so in convincing fashion, 35-10. Leading the way were Nate Wiggins, who put Baltimore on the board with a 26-yard interception-return touchdown, and Henry, who rushed for two scores. Jackson, meanwhile, added to his accolades, becoming the first player in NFL history to throw for 4,000 yards and rush for 900 yards in a season, finishing with 4,172 and 915, respectively.

"The AFC North, I think, is the toughest division, and to come out champs, it's awesome, and we're grateful to celebrate that," said linebacker Kyle Van Noy, the 11-year vet who had a career-high 12.5 sacks in 2024. "But we have bigger and better things to worry about, [starting with] Wild Card Weekend."

WEEK 15: Bucc-ing Up

Making his 100th career start, Baker Mayfield threw for 288 yards and four touchdowns, including his 30th of the season, to lead Tampa Bay past the Chargers, 40-17. Mike Evans was Mayfield's top target, catching nine passes, one of those a 57-yard scoring grab early in the third quarter that gave the Bucs the lead for good. He later added a 35-yard TD catch. Tampa Bay, which improved to 8-6 and stayed atop the NFC South, trailed, 17-10, before scoring on six consecutive possessions — five of those after intermission. "We came into halftime and said if the offense didn't hurt ourselves, we'd be all right," Mayfield said. "The defense came out and stopped them (to start the second half), and the offensive line took over. It was a complementary football game." Tampa Bay outgained the Chargers, 506-206, which included a relentless ground attack that racked up 223 yards, 117 of them from Bucky Irving. The Bucs also didn't punt on the day. "I can only imagine for a defensive coordinator what it is like to scheme against us with the personnel changes, and we have a lot of plays off plays in the same formation. It's tough to defend that," Mayfield said.

EXTRA POINTS: Terry McLaurin had a pair of touchdown receptions in the Commanders' 20-19 win at New Orleans. ... Joe Burrow threw three TD passes to lift the Bengals over the Titans, 37-27. ... CeeDee Lamb totaled nine receptions for 116 yards and a touchdown, while Micah Parsons recorded two sacks, keying the Cowboys' 30-14 victory at Carolina. ... Davante Adams had nine receptions for 198 yards and two touchdowns, including the 100th of his career, to push the Jets past Jacksonville,

Weeks 15-18

Ja'Marr Chase (1) finished as the NFL leader in receptions (127), receiving yards (1,708), and TD catches (17).

Micah Parsons reached double figures in sacks for the fourth consecutive season, and his 12 sacks tied for the NFC lead.

32-25. ... With their 48-42 victory over the Lions, the Bills became the fifth team in NFL history to score 30 points in eight consecutive games in the same season. ... The Eagles defeated Pittsburgh, 27-13, for their franchise-record 10th consecutive win. ... Nik Bonitto's 50-yard fumble-return TD sparked the Broncos' 31-13 win over the Colts and ensured the team's first winning season since 2016.

WEEK 16:
Second-Half Charge

In an AFC West clash between teams chasing a wild card berth, the Chargers took advantage of a rarely-used rule to gain momentum before halftime and then took control over the final 30 minutes to defeat Denver, 34-27. The Broncos had scored touchdowns on their first three possessions and led, 21-10, when they punted in the final seconds of the first half. Things took a turn, however, when Denver was called for fair-catch interference on the play, a 15-yard penalty that moved the ball across midfield and positioned the Chargers to attempt a fair-catch kick — a field-goal attempt from the line of scrimmage with defenders 10 yards back. Cameron Dicker made the 57-yard field goal, the longest free-kick in NFL history and the first successful one in 48 seasons. In the second half, the Chargers scored three TDs: on Gus Edwards' 5-yard run, Justin Herbert's go-ahead 19-yard pass to Derius Davis, and a 34-yard Herbert-to-Hassan Haskins toss. "It was a total team effort by everyone. It was phenomenal," Chargers head coach Jim Harbaugh said. "The test and challenge [are] how you're going to respond. They went back to work and stayed the course."

EXTRA POINTS: Twice facing double-figure deficits, the Commanders rallied to edge the Eagles, 36-33, on Jayden Daniels' fifth touchdown pass of the day, a 9-yarder to Jamison Crowder with six seconds remaining. ... The Lions defeated Chicago, 34-17, to earn their franchise-record 13th win of the season. ... Sam Darnold threw for three touchdowns, two of those to Justin Jefferson (10 receptions, 144 yards) and the other to Jordan Addison, in Minnesota's 27-24 win at Seattle. ... Jonathan Taylor rushed for 218 yards and three touchdowns to power the Colts past Tennessee, 38-30. ... Chuba Hubbard rushed for 152 yards and scored twice in Carolina's 36-30 victory against Arizona, capped by his game-winning 21-yard touchdown run in overtime. ... Isaiah Pola-Mao recorded nine tackles and two forced fumbles in Las Vegas' 19-14 win over Jacksonville.

WEEK 17:
Bengals Bounce Back

Joe Burrow and Tee Higgins connected for three touchdowns, the last of those on a 3-yard pass with 1:07 left in overtime, as the Bengals defeated the Broncos, 30-24, for their fourth consecutive win. Burrow extended his NFL-record streak of throwing for at least 250 yards and three TDs to eight games, while his 1-yard touchdown run gave Cincinnati a 24-17 lead with 1:29 remaining in the fourth quarter. "I don't know that anybody can stand on the field and watch Joe Burrow and say he's not the best player in the world," Bengals head coach Zac Taylor said. Denver, however, forced overtime, when Bo Nix fired a 25-yard TD pass to Marvin Mims Jr. with eight seconds left. The Bengals then missed a field goal in the extra session, but their defense forced a three-and-out to get one final crack at a victory that improved them to 8-8 and kept their playoff hopes alive. "This is one of the craziest games I've been involved with in the NFL," Burrow said. "It feels like we had a couple of those this year, and it's nice to come out on top in one."

EXTRA POINTS: Ahkello Witherspoon's goal-line interception with 37 seconds remaining preserved the Rams' 13-9 win over the Cardinals and paved the way for Los Angeles to clinch the NFC West. ... Saquon Barkley became the ninth player in NFL history to top 2,000 rushing yards in a season, reaching 2,005 with his 167-yard performance in the Eagles' 41-7 win over the Cowboys. ... Baker Mayfield's five touchdown passes helped

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SCORES & AWARDS

WEEK 15 / December 12-16

RAMS	**12**
49ERS	6
COWBOYS	**30**
PANTHERS	14
CHIEFS	**21**
BROWNS	7
DOLPHINS	12
TEXANS	**20**
JETS	**32**
JAGUARS	25
COMMANDERS	**20**
SAINTS	19
RAVENS	**35**
GIANTS	14
BENGALS	**37**
TITANS	27
PATRIOTS	17
CARDINALS	**30**
COLTS	13
BRONCOS	**31**
BILLS	**48**
LIONS	42
BUCCANEERS	**40**
CHARGERS	17
STEELERS	13
EAGLES	**27**
PACKERS	**30**
SEAHAWKS	13
BEARS	12
VIKINGS	**30**
FALCONS	**15**
RAIDERS	9

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Josh Allen, QB, Bills

AFC DEFENSE
Derek Stingley Jr., CB, Texans

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Marvin Mims Jr., WR, Broncos

NFC OFFENSE
Baker Mayfield, QB, Buccaneers

NFC DEFENSE
Edgerrin Cooper, LB, Packers

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
KhaDarel Hodge, WR, Falcons

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Jayden Daniels, QB, Commanders

WEEK 16 / December 19-23

BRONCOS	27
CHARGERS	**34**
TEXANS	19
CHIEFS	**27**
STEELERS	17
RAVENS	**34**
GIANTS	7
FALCONS	**34**
CARDINALS	30
PANTHERS	**36** (OT)
LIONS	**34**
BEARS	17
TITANS	30
COLTS	**38**
RAMS	**19**
JETS	9
EAGLES	33
COMMANDERS	**36**
BROWNS	6
BENGALS	**24**
VIKINGS	**27**
SEAHAWKS	24
PATRIOTS	21
BILLS	**24**
JAGUARS	14
RAIDERS	**19**
49ERS	17
DOLPHINS	**29**
BUCCANEERS	24
COWBOYS	**26**
SAINTS	0
PACKERS	**34**

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Jonathan Taylor, RB, Colts

AFC DEFENSE
Isaiah Pola-Mao, S, Raiders

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Jason Sanders, K, Dolphins

NFC OFFENSE
Chuba Hubbard, RB, Panthers

NFC DEFENSE
Andrew Van Ginkel, LB, Vikings

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Brandon Aubrey, K, Cowboys

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Jayden Daniels, QB, Commanders

WEEK 17 / December 25-30

CHIEFS	**29**
STEELERS	10
RAVENS	**31**
TEXANS	2
SEAHAWKS	**6**
BEARS	3
CHARGERS	**40**
PATRIOTS	7
BRONCOS	24
BENGALS	**30** (OT)
CARDINALS	9
RAMS	**13**
COLTS	33
GIANTS	**45**
JETS	14
BILLS	**40**
TITANS	13
JAGUARS	**20**
RAIDERS	**25**
SAINTS	10
PANTHERS	14
BUCCANEERS	**48**
COWBOYS	7
EAGLES	**41**
DOLPHINS	**20**
BROWNS	3
PACKERS	25
VIKINGS	**27**
FALCONS	24
COMMANDERS	**30** (OT)
LIONS	**40**
49ERS	34

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Joe Burrow, QB, Bengals

AFC DEFENSE
Tyrel Dodson, LB, Dolphins

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Cameron Dicker, K, Chargers

NFC OFFENSE
Baker Mayfield, QB, Buccaneers

NFC DEFENSE
C.J. Gardner-Johnson, S, Eagles

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Ihmir Smith-Marsette, WR, Giants

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Jayden Daniels, QB, Commanders

WEEK 18 / January 4-5

BROWNS	10
RAVENS	**35**
BENGALS	**19**
STEELERS	17
PANTHERS	**44**
FALCONS	38 (OT)
COMMANDERS	**23**
COWBOYS	19
BEARS	**24**
PACKERS	22
JAGUARS	23
COLTS	**26** (OT)
BILLS	16
PATRIOTS	**23**
GIANTS	13
EAGLES	**20**
SAINTS	19
BUCCANEERS	**27**
TEXANS	**23**
TITANS	14
49ERS	24
CARDINALS	**47**
CHIEFS	0
BRONCOS	**38**
SEAHAWKS	**30**
RAMS	25
CHARGERS	**34**
RAIDERS	20
DOLPHINS	20
JETS	**32**
VIKINGS	9
LIONS	**31**

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC OFFENSE
Bo Nix, QB, Broncos

AFC DEFENSE
Trey Hendrickson, DE, Bengals

AFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Cameron Dicker, K, Chargers

NFC OFFENSE
Jahmyr Gibbs, RB, Lions

NFC DEFENSE
Yaya Diaby, LB, Buccaneers

NFC SPECIAL TEAMS
Josh Blackwell, DB, Bears

PEPSI ZERO SUGAR ROOKIE
Mike Sainristil, CB, Commanders

the Buccaneers cruise past Carolina, 48-14. ... Drew Lock accounted for five touchdowns (four passing, one rushing) and Ihmir Smith-Marsette recorded a 100-yard kickoff-return TD in the Giants' 45-33 victory over the Colts. ... Tyrel Dodson recorded 15 tackles and had an interception in Miami's 20-3 win at Cleveland. ... Jayden Daniels' 2-yard TD pass to Zach Ertz in overtime lifted the Commanders to a 30-24 victory over the Falcons and clinched a playoff berth.

WEEK 18: Lions Roar

The season's 272nd and final game was also the first of its kind: Never had two 14-win teams squared off in the regular season. More consequential, it was for the NFC North title and the conference's coveted No. 1 seed. Jahmyr Gibbs made certain those honors went to the Lions, rushing for 139 yards and three touchdowns while also catching a scoring pass in his team's 31-9 victory over the Vikings. "Everybody's got to come through here, baby!" said Lions defensive end Za'Darius Smith, who had three tackles, one sack, and a pass defensed. Detroit didn't allow a touchdown despite four Minnesota drives into the red zone, but it was just a 10-9 Lions lead when Jared Goff engineered a 13-play march that ate up nearly half the third-quarter clock and ended with his 10-yard scoring pass to Gibbs. Goff completed all eight of his passes on the drive as part of a 27-of-33, 231-yard night. Gibbs, who had opened the scoring with a 25-yard TD run late in the first quarter, would add touchdown darts of 13 and 4 yards to break the game open. "Back-to-back division winners in the NFC North and got the No. 1 seed. 15 wins. I just couldn't be more proud of those guys," Lions head coach Dan Campbell said.

EXTRA POINTS: Mike Evans caught nine passes for 89 yards in Tampa Bay's 27-19 win over the Saints and finished the year with 1,004 receiving yards, tying the NFL record for consecutive 1,000-yard seasons with 11. ... Aaron Rodgers threw four touchdowns in the Jets' 32-20 victory over Miami, including the 500th of his career to become the fifth player in NFL history to reach that plateau. ... Bo Nix completed his first 18 passes in Denver's 38-0 blanking of the Chiefs and ended the day with 321 passing yards and four TDs. ... The Raiders' Brock Bowers (112 catches) and the Giants' Malik Nabers (109) posted the two highest reception totals by rookies in NFL history. ... Bryce Young threw for three TDs and rushed for two others to lead the Panthers past the Falcons, 44-38, in overtime. ... Dallas' Micah Parsons had 2.5 sacks vs. Washington, giving him 12 on the year to become the fourth player to reach double figures in each of his first four NFL seasons.

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In his first season with the Chargers, J.K. Dobbins set career highs in rushing yards (905) and receptions (32).

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AFC PLAYOFF RECAPS

WILD CARD

Texans safety Eric Murray (23) celebrates after bringing back a 38-yard interception for a TD in his team's 32-12 win over the Chargers.

	1	2	3	4	F
#5 Chargers	6	0	0	6	12
#4 **Texans**	0	10	10	12	**32**

Derek Stingley Jr. had two of the Texans' four interceptions — and Eric Murray returned a third for a touchdown — to spark the AFC South champion's Wild Card win. Houston also had four sacks while limiting the Chargers to 261 yards of total offense. "Our defense, they dominated today," Texans head coach DeMeco Ryans said. "And that's who we want to be. They played our brand of football." Los Angeles used a pair of Cameron Dicker field goals to build a 6-0 first-quarter lead, but Houston struck twice in the closing minutes of the half, first on C.J. Stroud's 13-yard touchdown pass to Nico Collins that capped a 99-yard drive, then getting a 41-yard Ka'imi Fairbairn field goal. Stroud enjoyed a standout game, passing for 282 yards while becoming the sixth quarterback in NFL history to win a playoff start in each of his first two seasons. Murray's 38-yard interception-return TD made it 20-6 late in the third quarter, and Joe Mixon tacked on a 17-yard touchdown run for the victors as part of his 106-yard rushing day. Kamari Lassiter had Houston's other interception, while Will Anderson Jr. and Mario Edwards Jr. each had 1.5 sacks in the victory.

LEFT: Derrick Henry scored twice — on touchdown runs of 8 and 44 yards — and finished with 186 yards rushing to pace the Ravens' victory over the Steelers. **RIGHT:** Curtis Samuel's 55-yard TD catch on the first play of the fourth quarter sealed the Bills' win vs. Denver.

	1	2	3	4	F
#6 Steelers	0	0	14	0	14
#3 **Ravens**	7	14	7	0	**28**

Behind a stellar effort from Derrick Henry, the Ravens cruised past their AFC North rivals. Henry rushed for 186 yards — the second-best postseason performance of his career — and two touchdowns as part of a ground game that piled up a franchise-playoff-record 299 rushing yards. "I thought we set the tone early what kind of game it was going to be," said Ravens center Tyler Linderbaum. "They knew we were going to try to come in and run the ball, and it was their job to stop it." Rashod Bateman put the hosts on the board with a 15-yard TD catch from Lamar Jackson (16-of-21, 175 yards, 2 TDs, 81 rushing yards) and Henry extended the lead with his 8-yard scoring run, capping a 13-play drive that saw Baltimore keep the ball on the ground the entire way. A 5-yard Jackson-to-Justice Hill touchdown pass in the final seconds of the first half made it 21-0, and Henry closed out the Ravens scoring when he sprinted 44 yards for his second TD of the night. It marked Henry's highest playoff rushing total since erupting for 195 yards in 2019 when he played for the Titans.

	1	2	3	4	F
#7 Broncos	7	0	0	0	7
#2 **Bills**	3	7	11	10	**31**

After surrendering an early touchdown, the Bills took control, shutting down the Broncos to reach the AFC divisional round for the fifth consecutive season. Josh Allen directed a balanced offense, completing 20 of 26 passes for 272 yards and two TDs while overseeing a ground game that finished with 210 yards. Buffalo held a 41:43-to-18:17 advantage in time of possession and punted just once. "Our offensive line did a great job of getting looks that we liked and taking advantage of it, and they moved guys off the ball," Allen said. Troy Franklin's 43-yard TD catch put Denver on the board first, but Tyler Bass kicked a 26-yard field goal and James Cook ran 5 yards for a touchdown to move the Bills in front before halftime. Scoring passes by Allen on back-to-back possessions then broke the game open. He hit Ty Johnson from 24 yards on a fourth-down play that extended the margin to 20-7, then connected with Curtis Samuel on a 55-yard TD on the first play of the fourth quarter. Cook's 120 rushing yards made him the first Bills player to go over 100 yards in a playoff game since Thurman Thomas in 1995.

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NFC PLAYOFF RECAPS

WILD CARD

Eagles tight end Dallas Goedert (88) muscles away from Packers defender Carrington Valentine on his way to a 24-yard TD in Philadelphia's 22-10 victory.

	1	2	3	4	F
#7 Packers	0	0	3	7	10
#2 **Eagles**	10	0	6	6	**22**

From the game's first moments, the Eagles' physical brand of football was on full display as they stymied the Packers. Oren Brooks forced a fumble on the opening kickoff that teammate Jeremiah Trotter Jr. recovered, and three plays later Philly was in the end zone on an 11-yard Jalen Hurts-to-Jahan Dotson pass. The defense took over for much of the next two quarters, allowing only one field goal and intercepting two passes (by Darius Slay and Zack Baun), before Dallas Goedert's 24-yard scoring catch put the hosts ahead, 16-3. Green Bay closed that gap on Josh Jacobs' 1-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter, but Jake Elliott's 30-yard field goal on the Eagles' next possession made it a two-score game. Philly's defense then went back to work, stopping a fourth-down play with just over five minutes remaining and intercepting QB Jordan Love a third time on Quinyon Mitchell's leaping grab in the end zone. NFL rushing leader Saquon Barkley ran for 119 yards in the win. "Shoutout to my teammates and, most importantly, we move on," said Barkley. "And we get another home game, so that's good."

LEFT: The Commanders' Zane Gonzalez kicked three field goals, the last of those a tie-breaking 37-yarder as time expired, to defeat the Buccaneers and keep Washington's season alive. **RIGHT:** Rookie linebacker Jared Verse contributed to the Rams' defensive effort against the Vikings with a 57-yard fumble-return touchdown.

	1	2	3	4	F
#6 **Commanders**	0	10	3	10	**23**
#3 Buccaneers	3	7	7	3	20

Zane Gonzalez's 37-yard field goal as time expired capped a back-and-forth thriller and handed Washington its first postseason triumph since 2005. The game featured three lead changes and was knotted, 20-20, when the Commanders' Jayden Daniels directed a 10-play, 51-yard drive that included his big third-down run and ended with Gonzalez's kick, which ricocheted off the right upright and over the cross bar. "We're not going to give up until the clock hits zero," said Daniels, who threw for 268 yards and two TDs to join C.J. Stroud and Brock Purdy as rookie QBs to win playoff games since 2022. "We're going to keep fighting until the end." Washington owned a 20-17 lead early in the fourth quarter after Daniels' 5-yard TD pass to Terry McLaurin, but Tampa Bay threatened to go back in front when it reached the Commanders 12-yard line — before settling for a game-tying field goal with 4:41 to play. Daniels made sure the Bucs never got the ball back, completing all three of his passes on the ensuing drive and running 4 yards for a critical first down that allowed Washington to run the clock down before attempting the game-winning kick.

	1	2	3	4	F
#5 Vikings	0	3	6	0	9
#4 **Rams**	10	14	3	0	**27**

Continuing a dramatic turnaround that began just before mid-season, the Rams overwhelmed the Vikings — matching an NFL playoff record with nine sacks. Los Angeles set the tone early, scoring on its first possession when Matthew Stafford connected with Kyren Williams on a 5-yard TD pass, and added a defensive touchdown in the second quarter on Jared Verse's 57-yard fumble return. A 13-yard Stafford-to-Davis Allen TD pushed the lead to 24-3 at halftime. "This time of year, it doesn't really reward you to be timid," said Stafford, who completed 19 of 27 passes for 209 yards. "You've got to go out there and make plays. Gotta go win games in the playoffs, not just hope that things fall your way." Kobie Turner led the Rams with two sacks and Cobie Durant added an interception. The game, originally scheduled for the Rams' SoFi Stadium, was moved to State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, because of the devastating wildfires in the Los Angeles region. The NFL family, including several teams and the NFL Foundation, provided $5 million to support communities affected by the disaster.

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AFC PLAYOFF RECAPS
DIVISIONAL

Kareem Hunt rushed for a team-high 44 yards and scored the Chiefs' first touchdown in their win over Houston.

	1	2	3	4	F
#4 Texans	3	3	6	2	14
#1 **Chiefs**	6	7	0	10	**23**

For the seventh consecutive season, the Chiefs were headed to the AFC Championship Game, this time by grinding out a win over the Texans. Travis Kelce starred for the victors, with a key fourth-quarter touchdown among his seven receptions, while a swarming Kansas City defense totaled eight sacks. "We're fortunate we've got a lot of great character guys in the building," said Kelce, who set an NFL mark by recording his ninth playoff game with at least 100 receiving yards. "On top of that, as the years have gone on, we only got here by focusing on the task at hand." Kareem Hunt's TD run put the Chiefs ahead, 13-3, late in the second quarter, but a Ka'imi Fairbairn field goal and Joe Mixon's 13-yard touchdown run pulled the visitors within a point. The Chiefs then answered with a time-consuming 81-yard drive that ended with Kelce's 11-yard TD. Defensive end George Karlaftis helped preserve that lead when his third sack of the game ended a late Texans threat. With the victory, Kansas City's Andy Reid became the fourth head coach in NFL history to amass 300 career wins.

Von Miller (40) recovered a second-quarter fumble that he returned 39 yards, setting up a Bills TD in their victory over Baltimore.

	1	2	3	4	F
#3 Ravens	7	3	9	6	25
#2 **Bills**	7	14	0	6	**27**

In a showdown that more than lived up to its billing, the Bills slipped past the Ravens to return to the AFC title game for the first time since 2020. Josh Allen rushed for a pair of touchdowns and the Buffalo defense forced three turnovers, but the outcome wasn't settled until the final moments. "What a complete win," said Allen, who was efficient in throwing for 127 yards and rushing for another 20. "All year, this team has heard ... we're not good enough to compete. We just put our head down and work hard." The turnovers were key. Von Miller's second-quarter fumble recovery set up Allen's 1-yard TD run, and midway through the fourth quarter, linebacker Terrel Bernard forced a fumble near midfield that he recovered. That led to Tyler Bass' 21-yard field goal and a 27-19 Bills lead, but the Ravens' Lamar Jackson directed an impressive drive that ended with a 24-yard touchdown pass to Isaiah Likely that pulled the visitors close. However, when Baltimore couldn't convert on a two-point attempt and the Bills recovered the onside kick, victory was secured.

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NFC PLAYOFF RECAPS
DIVISIONAL

Jayden Daniels delivered an electrifying performance in Washington's win at Detroit, throwing for 299 yards and two TDs while also rushing for 51 yards.

	1	2	3	4	F
#6 **Commanders**	3	28	0	14	**45**
#1 Lions	7	14	7	3	31

The Commanders delivered the weekend's surprise result, getting two touchdown passes from Jayden Daniels and a pair of Mike Sainristil interceptions to eliminate the top-seeded Lions. "It's a surreal moment," said Daniels, who joined the Ravens' Joe Flacco (2008) as the only rookie quarterbacks to defeat a No. 1 playoff seed. A wild second quarter sent Washington into the locker room with a 31-21 halftime lead. The Lions had gone ahead, 14-10, on Jared Goff's 2-yard TD pass to Sam LaPorta, but Washington answered in a big way when Terry McLaurin took a pass down the left sideline and raced 58 yards for a touchdown. Three plays after that, Quan Martin intercepted Goff and brought it back 40 yards for another score. Jameson Williams drew the Lions close with a zig-zagging 61-yard TD run, while Daniels found tight end Zach Ertz open for a 5-yard scoring strike. The 42 points made it the highest-scoring quarter in NFL playoff history. Brian Robinson aided the victors with 77 yards rushing, including two touchdowns.

SETH WENIG/AP IMAGES (Daniels); MITCHELL LEFF/GETTY IMAGES (Carter)

Jalen Carter (98) came up big in the Eagles' victory over the Rams, recording five tackles, two sacks, and a forced fumble.

	1	2	3	4	F
#4 Rams	7	3	5	7	22
#2 **Eagles**	13	0	3	12	**28**

Three explosive plays in the ground game and a defense that pounced on two fourth-quarter fumbles proved the difference as the Eagles edged the Rams in snowy conditions. Saquon Barkley rushed for 205 yards in the win, highlighted by touchdown runs of 78 and 62 yards, while QB Jalen Hurts put Philadelphia on the board with a career-long 44-yard TD sprint six plays into the game. "The elements [were] great, but the atmosphere was even better," said Barkley. "Our fans were amazing. That was a close one, but that's playoff football." Rams fumbles on back-to-back fourth-quarter possessions led to a pair of Jake Elliott field goals, and Barkley's second TD of the day put the Eagles in front, 28-15, before Matthew Stafford nearly rallied the visitors to victory. His 4-yard TD pass to Colby Parkinson made it a one-score game, and he marched the Rams deep into Philly territory in the final minute before a Jalen Carter sack and a fourth-down incompletion sent the Eagles to the NFC title game for the second time in three seasons.

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Cardona exemplifies a spirit of unwavering dedication in his support for America's military community. His journey began at the United States Naval Academy as a football player, but his aspirations extended far beyond the field. During his rookie season with the Patriots, Cardona displayed exceptional dedication by balancing a second full-time job in the Navy serving as a staff officer at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Rhode Island. His hard work and commitment were recognized in 2017 when he was promoted to lieutenant junior grade (LTJG), subsequently serving in US Forces Korea, supporting the ongoing effort on the Korean Peninsula. In 2019, Cardona's dedication culminated in his promotion to the rank of lieutenant in the Navy.

Currently, as a department head of Maritime Security Squadron 8, headquartered in Newport, R.I., he oversees the logistical needs of 500 sailors across the eastern seaboard.

USAA contributed $25,000 in Cardona's honor to the official aid societies representing each of the military branches. The NFL Foundation matched the $25,000, which is being donated to Cardona's military charity of choice.

To learn more about the Salute to Service Award and the 2024 finalists, visit **NFL.com/Salute**.

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The PLAY 60 Movement will continue to serve and motivate the next generation of youth alongside the 32 NFL clubs and our PLAY 60 partners to get moving and PLAY 60.

Learn more about this initiative at **NFL.com/PLAY60**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COACHES

Shane Fairfield (left) and Andy Lowry (right) are interviewed by ESPN's Michelle Beisner-Buck after being named the 2023 Don Shula NFL Coach of the Year recipients.

Every year, each of the 32 NFL clubs nominates a high school coach for the Don Shula NFL Coach of the Year Award, named after the Pro Football Hall of Famer and winningest coach in league history. The award honors high school football coaches who demonstrate the integrity, achievement, and leadership exemplified by the late Don Shula.

Last season, the NFL selected two recipients: Andy Lowry of Columbine High School in Colorado (nominated by the Denver Broncos) and Shane Fairfield of Muskegon High School in Michigan (nominated by the Detroit Lions). The coaches were honored at the Pro Bowl Games in Orlando and attended Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas.

This year, the NFL is again recognizing two winners. The 32 nominees are revealed in January, with the two 2024 Coaches of the Year announced live during the Pro Bowl Games on Feb. 2 in Orlando.

Nike, a presenting partner, and the NFL Foundation are awarding $10,000 to the two Don Shula Award winners, while their associated high school football programs receive $15,000. The other 30 finalists each receive a $1,000 award.

The two winners are also being recognized at *NFL Honors* and other Super Bowl Week events leading up to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans.

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The National Football League Foundation (NFL Foundation) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those touched by the game of football — from players at all levels to communities across the country. The NFL Foundation and its members, the 32 NFL clubs, support the health, safety, and wellness of athletes, youth football, and the communities that support the game.

Celebrating more than 50 years, the NFL Foundation has become one of the leading philanthropic entities in America, contributing to NFL team communities, national and international disaster relief efforts, and societal issues.

The NFL Foundation delivers more than 50 formal grant and recognition programs in support of its mission. It has supported thousands of organizations across the country, ranging from youth and high school football programs in and outside of NFL club markets to national organizations such as the American Heart Association, USA Football, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and so many more.

In addition, the NFL Foundation provides funding and educational guidance to NFL club foundations and player-related nonprofits to ensure they have the resources and information to bring impact to life in the communities they live and work in while strategically aligning with efforts at the league level. That includes year-round support of on-field cause initiatives such as Crucial Catch, Salute to Service, and Inspire Change; societal issues; evidence-based youth character, mental wellness, social, and emotional learning initiatives; NFL PLAY 60 health and wellness programs; youth and high school football — and the list goes on.

It also serves to support charitable fundraising initiatives, including NFL Auction, which allows the NFL Foundation to provide additional financial support to worthy nonprofit organizations and causes throughout the year.

Because of this enduring and stand-alone 501(c)(3) nonprofit structure, the NFL Foundation has the ability to make such a significant impact and be there for communities, especially in times of need. That includes playing a key role in recovery and relief efforts following major disasters nationwide.

The NFL Foundation is central to the NFL's ongoing efforts to make a positive impact in communities across the country. For more information, visit **NFLfoundation.org**.

SUPER BOWL LEGACY GRANT

The NFL, via the NFL Foundation, seeks to improve the Super Bowl host community through its Super Bowl Legacy Grant initiative by awarding a $1.5 million grant — which is being matched by the New Orleans Super Bowl Host Committee and its partners and allocated to local nonprofit organizations.

This year, the NFL Foundation has partnered with the New Orleans Super Bowl Host Committee, Entergy, the New Orleans Saints, Ochsner Health, Venture Global, United Way of Southeast Louisiana, and the NOLA Coalition to help create a meaningful legacy in New Orleans long after the city hosts its record-tying 11th Super Bowl on February 9.

The Super Bowl LIX Legacy Grant Program, titled Impact 59 Powered by Entergy, is funded by the NFL Foundation and the New Orleans Super Bowl Host Committee's partners and will provide more than $3.5 million in grants to 65 local nonprofit organizations in Greater New Orleans working in key areas that include economic development, education, workforce training, youth development, health and wellness, and equity and inclusion.

These organizations will receive critical support for their efforts to help improve lives in New Orleans and surrounding areas, including Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Plaquemines, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes. A grant selection committee carefully reviewed eligibility and compliance and made award determinations based on the need, merit, and potential impact of each project.

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Gayle Benson and the New Orleans Saints, in collaboration with the NFL Foundation and Ochsner Health, are making a $1.5 million donation to support relief efforts for the victims of the New Year's Day tragedy in New Orleans.

"Our community has experienced an unimaginable tragedy, and our collective hearts are broken as we mourn for the victims and survivors of the New Year's Day terror attack in New Orleans," said Saints owner Gayle Benson. "As a league, our cities and teams compete at the highest levels of competition and share spirited rivalries. Our staffs and players work tirelessly toward achieving our goals, and we share in victories and defeats. However, through football we are also united, and we stand arm-in-arm against all forms of hatred.

"We will vanquish terror and fear with an unwavering resolve and purpose rooted in love, compassion, and kindness," she added. "Our focus has always been on providing aid quickly and effectively, and we are grateful for the collaboration with both the Greater New Orleans Foundation (GNOF) and United Way to ensure that these funds reach those who need them most."

In addition to the donation from Gayle Benson and the Saints, both the NFL Foundation, the league's philanthropic arm, and the Saints' corporate partner Ochsner Health will match the funds and each contribute an additional $500,000, bringing the total relief contribution to $1.5 million. This partnership with GNOF and United Way underscores the shared goal of delivering meaningful assistance to local organizations that are directly supporting victims and their families.

"Our hearts go out to all those affected by the tragic events in New Orleans," said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. "The NFL is committed to standing with the resilient community of New Orleans during this difficult time."

To learn more about how you can donate or get involved to help the New Orleans community, visit **www.gnof.org**.

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Providing Platforms for Change

Engaging Our Communities

The NFL embraces its role in unifying communities and serving as a force for positive change. The league and its teams are committed to implementing consistent and thoughtful responses to societal issues by educating the NFL family, instituting transparent policies, and actively engaging with communities to positively impact society.

The NFL Inspire Change platform includes an ongoing acknowledgment of the ways that systemic racism contributes to barriers to opportunity. Its work, in conjunction with teams, players, and the Players Coalition, encompasses programs and initiatives in four key areas: Education; Economic Advancement; Police-Community Relations; and Criminal Justice Reform.

Since 2017, the NFL family has provided more than $375 million to hundreds of grant partners — local and national — as well as grassroots organizations and social justice nonprofits selected by current and former players.

In addition to the incredible social justice work being led by players, teams recognize community members making an impact on social justice issues with the Inspire Change Changemaker Award. During the 2024 season, each club selected a "Changemaker," an individual making a difference locally with their social justice work, either individually or as part of a community organization. Each Changemaker received a $10,000 donation from the NFL Foundation, paid to the social justice nonprofit of their choice.

Learn more about the NFL's ongoing social justice work by visiting **NFL.com/inspirechange**.

ADDRESSING SOCIAL ISSUES

In addition to engaging communities across the country, the league focuses its efforts on social issues that include character education, domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking prevention.

All NFL and team employees and personnel — more than 6,000 in all — take part in mandatory education on issues surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault. These sessions have been held annually for the past decade and are among the many ways the NFL remains committed to addressing these critical issues. Additionally, the NFL continues its support for its partners at Raliance and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

The league also works with the Super Bowl Host Committee annually to identify and provide financial support to local nonprofits that address human trafficking in the host city.

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Outreach to Fans and Business

Highlighting Latino Fan Engagement

The NFL continues to expand its platform of customized offerings for the growing fan base of more than 39 million U.S. Latinos. This programming boasts dedicated content channels that reflect the diversity of Latino fans, including top-tier football-first content on Spanish-dominant destination sites of Mundo NFL (YouTube, Instagram, and X) as well as NFL.com/Mundo; and multi-platform media partnerships with Telemundo, NBC Universo, ESPN Deportes, FOX Deportes, Amazon Prime Video, Entravision, and TelevisaUnivision.

This season, the league introduced new partnerships, collaborations, and activations to celebrate "la cultura Latina," beginning with its season-long campaign "Por La Cultura" (For the Culture), highlighting Latino players, coaches, and staff, celebrating Latino excellence, and sharing authentic stories of the community.

The initiative features cultural and community-driven activities at the national and local levels, including two new spots titled "Cross-Border Pride," connecting Latino stars Isiah Pacheco (Puerto Rico), Chris Olave (Little Havana), Will Hernandez (Mexico), and Cairo Santos (Brazil) to their familial home countries to meet their global fans, aiming to expand awareness of the sport and strengthen ties beyond the United States.

The NFL also expanded its NFL Latino Youth Honors program in partnership with presenting sponsor Procter & Gamble and the Hispanic Heritage Foundation. The program is dedicated to honoring outstanding Latino tackle and flag football student-athletes from across NFL club markets who excel both in the classroom and on the field. The NFL Latino Youth Honors highlights excellence in sports and school while putting a focus on football within this rapidly growing segment of the population.

Fifty-nine nominees representing all 32 NFL clubs made up the 2024 class of honorees. Thanks to P&G's support, eight division winners will each receive a grant award that can be used for college — including $25,000 grants for both the male and female national winners and $5,000 grants for each of the six other finalists.

Additionally, the league launched "NFL Vota," a public awareness initiative under the league-wide, nonpartisan "NFL Votes" program, aimed at encouraging Latino fans and the broader NFL community to engage in the democratic process. As part of this effort, Panthers head coach Dave Canales starred in a spot inspiring eligible voters in the Latino community to vote.

For more information on these and other initiatives, visit **NFL.com/PorLaCultura**.

EMPOWERING LOCAL BUSINESSES TO ENHANCE COMMUNITIES

The NFL Source program, launched in May 2024, has set a new benchmark for how the league and its clubs engage with diverse and local suppliers. Evolving from the NFL's long-standing supplier diversity commitment, NFL Source is intentional in standardizing and strengthening the league's support of under-represented businesses on a national level. This initiative is another example of the NFL's dedication to fostering economic prosperity within all communities.

Across the 2024 season, NFL Source has taken center stage in New Orleans with its local iteration of the initiative, Super Bowl LIX Source, welcoming more than 200 local and diverse business members into the network. The program not only connects these companies with subcontracting opportunities related to Super Bowl LIX, but also provides capacity-building workshops and increased visibility to compete in the NFL's expansive marketplace leading up to gameday. Participating businesses are being spotlighted in a directory used by NFL contractors and event producers to fulfill Super Bowl-related needs.

Belynda Gardner, Senior Director Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at the NFL stated, "We prepare Super Bowl LIX Source members to excel as event-ready businesses at the Super Bowl while concurrently showcasing the expertise and contributions of Greater New Orleans on a national platform. Economic growth, to us, means uplifting local entrepreneurs and providing enhanced visibility to a community's organic talent and achievements."

A Super Bowl LIX Source member, Edward Vinnett, shared his thoughts: "The Super Bowl LIX Source Program is a unique platform that supports our business growth by enhancing our network, building our capabilities, and opening doors to new opportunities."

As the NFL Source program advances its mission, it continues to foster opportunities for local and diverse businesses, underscoring the league's commitment to empowering local communities and laying the foundation for a stronger, more inclusive future for the sport and its global fan base.

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PLAYER HEALTH & SAFETY

BUILDING A BETTER GAME

The National Football League is committed to making the game safer by improving the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of injuries; enhancing medical protocols; improving how the game is taught and played; and protecting players' overall health, safety, and well-being.

Driving Helmet Innovation: The league continues to drive innovation in helmet safety, providing data and collaborating with medical experts, engineers, and manufacturers to spur the development of better-performing helmets. This season featured a record 12 new models, including the five safest helmets ever tested, reflecting a significant advancement in helmet safety driven by the NFL and manufacturers.

Also this season, eight new position-specific helmets were available to players at the quarterback and offensive and defensive linemen positions. The growing selection of position-specific models marks a significant leap forward in providing players with the best protection tailored to their position.

Guardian Caps: The NFL began requiring use of the Guardian Cap, a helmet shell add-on device worn over the helmet for certain positions during training camps, in 2022 and has since expanded the requirement to additional position groups. Guardian Cap designed this version based on data shared by the NFL on the size, frequency, and locations of NFL impacts. Data from the past three seasons shows a nearly 50-percent reduction in concussions for the position groups that wore them during practices. For the first time this season, players also had the option to wear Guardian Caps in regular-season games. Notably, Guardian Caps are optional in training camps for players wearing select top-performing helmet models that provide as much — and in some cases more — protection than a helmet paired with a Guardian Cap.

Rule Changes: Over the past decade, the NFL has made more than 50 health- and safety-focused rules changes. For the 2024 season, this included the new "Dynamic Kickoff" and the prohibition of the hip-drop tackle. The Dynamic Kickoff brings more excitement to the play, while also lowering the risk of injury for players. In working to eliminate the hip-drop tackle from the game, the NFL targeted a dangerous behavior that causes lower extremity injuries at a 20-times higher rate than other tackles.

Success in Reducing Concussions in the Preseason: Long-term investments in improved helmet safety, along with rule changes, education related to proper technique, and continued research into concussion-causing events resulted this year in the fewest number of concussions in preseason practices and games since 2015.

Reducing Lower Extremity Injuries in the Preseason: This season, the NFL has also continued making progress driving down rates on lower extremity injuries such as hamstring strains and joint and ligament sprains. The league has carefully tracked lower extremity injuries and reduced injury numbers over the past several seasons, particularly with the introduction of the newly mandated approach to ramp-up and acclimation in training camp that began in 2022. During the 2024 preseason, lower extremity strains remained down by 27 percent compared to the 2021 preseason.

Data to Help Keep Players Safe: A critical part of the NFL's efforts to reduce and prevent player injuries is the collection and analysis of on-field data. Sensors in players' equipment provides the league with data

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from practices and games to advance equipment, improve training, and inform rules changes.

Throughout the season, the league collects data, analyzes it, and ultimately shares findings back with the clubs. Club staff then utilize the data and insights in their work with players, informing approaches to training and injury prevention as well as returning to play following injuries. This includes use of the Digital Athlete team portal.

Digital Athlete: The NFL partners with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to use AI and machine learning on the Digital Athlete, a virtual representation of an NFL player that can be used to better predict and eventually prevent player injury. All 32 clubs have access to the Digital Athlete team portal, providing club staff with tools for managing athletic load and injury risk mitigation. In addition to the individualized club data, this platform allows club staff to benchmark team trends against previous seasons and a league-wide NFL average. The Digital Athlete was also instrumental in developing the new "Dynamic Kickoff," using AI to simulate 10,000 seasons' worth of the new kickoff rule, and the prohibition of the hip-drop tackle, by identifying the frequency and location of player-to-player contact that resulted in lower extremity injuries.

Surfaces: The NFL-NFLPA Joint Surfaces Committee has continued its work toward developing higher standards for all playing surfaces, rigorous field testing, and supporting innovative research to create greater consistency across fields for players. This season, use of the Biomechanical Elite Athlete Shoe-Turf Tester (BEAST) continued to gather performance information on surfaces, and the NFL and NFLPA also mandated use of the "Strike" device to measure field conditions before regular-season games. These are both new tools that measure more about field conditions and performance than tools previously and will help manufacturers design better — and hopefully safer — fields.

Smart Heart Sports Coalition: In March 2023, in response to the lifesaving emergency response provided to Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin, the NFL launched the Smart Heart Sports Coalition with other major professional sports organizations and leading patient and health advocacy groups. The coalition advocates for states to adopt evidence-based policies proven to prevent fatal outcomes from sudden cardiac arrest among high school students — 19 states now have all three policies in place. This season, the coalition announced the nationwide AEDs for Youth program, a collaboration with Coro Medical and Avive Solutions, Inc. providing new automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and essential accessories to public and private K-12 schools and youth sports organizations at substantial discounts. The coalition also advocated for the bipartisan HEARTS Act, which was signed into law in December 2024 and will help protect students through grants for schools to secure AEDs, create emergency action plans, and teach life-saving CPR skills.

Diversity in Sports Medicine Pipeline Initiative: The NFL is working to expand opportunities for medical students interested in pursuing careers in sports medicine, and, over time, help to diversify NFL club medical staffs. For the third season, the NFL, in partnership with the National Football League Physicians Society and Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society, welcomed students from 21 medical schools to clubs across the league for the unique opportunity to complete a one-month rotation with an NFL club.

HealthTECH Challenges: The NFL has partnered with Football Research, Inc. and Duke Biomedical Engineering on HealthTECH Challenge I, a crowd-sourced challenge to accelerate innovations that can help make playing surfaces more consistent and safer for players. In August, the NFL announced the top finishers: GrassMaster, which developed a hybrid playing surface distinguished by its quick installation and repair capabilities, along with its durability and safety-centric design; and FieldTurf USA, which developed Liquid Surface Modifiers designed to improve existing turf surfaces in a simple and convenient way.

Working with Universities to Gather Data: The NFL continued its partnership with nine Division I research universities to collect data — through novel mouth-guard sensors — regarding on-field head impacts to inform injury reduction efforts at the pro and collegiate levels. These sensors collect kinematic data, including impact speed, direction, force, location, and severity. The data collected supplements identical data collection at four NFL clubs and is helping to inform injury reduction strategy, rules changes, and the development of higher-performing equipment, ultimately to help improve the safety of the game at all levels of football.

For the latest news and innovations in the NFL's player health and safety efforts, visit **NFL.com/PlayerHealthAndSafety**.

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Efforts on the Field ... and Beyond

NFL PLAY FOOTBALL

Growing the Game

In support of the NFL's vision to grow the game of football and engage youth, high school, and college football participants, the "Play Football" initiative was launched in 2016. This year-round program celebrates youth, high school, and college football by connecting the football community and promoting the values of the game.

During the 2024 NFL season, Play Football prioritized its focus on utilizing the league calendar to engage with youth, high school, college, international, and external stakeholders to grow and develop the game while ensuring alignment with all 32 clubs, current and former players (Legends), and other partners.

In collaboration with the local Orlando community, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the New Orleans Saints, 13 Play Football events and initiatives were held for the Pro Bowl Games in Orlando and Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans. These events engaged over 4,000 stakeholders, including young fans, players, parents, and coaches.

Another landmark was reached when flag football came to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. For the first time, the NFL FLAG Championships was established as an NFL tentpole event and took place last summer at the Hall of Fame Village. The event featured 200+ teams and 2,800+ participants, including six international teams, as all 32 NFL teams were represented. The three-day tournament was broadcast live on ESPN, Disney, and ABC networks.

Also, in its continued effort to increase international participation and fandom, NFL Football Development partnered with Nike for the second year to host an international game. De La Salle (Concord, Calif.) traveled to London to play against the NFL Academy. Additionally, the NFL Academy made its first trip to the U.S. to compete against Washington (Massillon, Ohio) at Nike's World Headquarters for the 2024 Kickoff Classic.

Learn more about the Play Football initiative by visiting **playfootball.NFL.com** and join the conversation on social media using **#PLAYFOOTBALL**.

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Despite years of progress, drunk driving in the United States is on the rise. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 13,384 people died in alcohol-impaired driving traffic deaths in 2021. That's one death every 39 minutes — meaning that during Super Bowl LIX, five lives will have been cut short. Every life taken is another moment — another reason — to keep fighting to end this national tragedy. If you, or someone you love, has been the victim of impaired driving, support is available at no cost 24 hours a day via the MADD Victim Help Line at **1-877-MADD-HELP**.

MADD and the NFL believe in a world where everyone is safe to live, work, and play — we urge fans to always plan for a safe ride. We invite you to join our movement of advocates and changemakers at **MADD.org** or by following MADD on Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok, LinkedIn, and YouTube. Together, we will not stop until we create a safer future for all and a world in which impairment puts no lives at risk.

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The Saints' Foster Moreau holds up a Crucial Catch towel after his touchdown reception vs. the Chiefs in October. Moreau is a cancer survivor.

The NFL, its clubs, players, and the American Cancer Society are committed to the fight against cancer. Crucial Catch addresses early detection and risk reduction for multiple types of cancer and is committed to addressing the unequal burden of cancer in communities that need it most. Since 2009, the partnership has raised more than $30 million in support of the American Cancer Society and its mission to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer.

Money raised through this initiative aids the American Cancer Society's CHANGE grants, which support community health centers in all 30 NFL team markets by increasing access to low- or no-cost cancer screenings in communities that need it most. CHANGE Grants have contributed more than 762,000 cancer screenings in under-resourced communities and impacted over 1.8 million men and women with education, patient navigation, and screening resources.

Crucial Catch is also addressing issues pertaining to follow-up care for breast cancer patients through the Links to Care Community Grants in select NFL team markets. The grants aid community health centers and NFL team-affiliated hospitals to provide sufficient follow-up treatment to diagnosed breast cancer patients. Completing its second year, funds raised for Links to Care have improved appointment availability, scheduling practices, patient navigation services, and tracking systems for screening completions.

New this season, the American Cancer Society Prostate Cancer Screening IMPACT ECHO initiative is working to address health disparities by better equipping healthcare providers to share and use prostate cancer screening best practices. There are 12 Federally Qualified Health Centers and Safety-Net primary care facilities using Crucial Catch funding to increase awareness of prostate cancer risk and early detection in Black populations through real-time, case-based learning.

Crucial Catch also equips fans with the resources they need to understand their risk for cancer. Sleep Number, an official Crucial Catch Partner of the NFL, is once again presenting The Defender. The online tool provides cancer resources, including a screening center locator, scheduling reminders, and a 24/7 chat through the American Cancer Society.

Throughout October, NFL games featured multi-colored Crucial Catch branding on the field and in stadiums to represent multiple cancers (including breast, colorectal, lung, cervical, prostate, and childhood), all to provide education and raise awareness of how cancer has impacted the lives of people in our communities.

Visit **NFL.com/CrucialCatch** to find your local cancer screening resources and learn how to reduce your cancer risk.

NFL PLAYER CARE FOUNDATION

The NFL Player Care Foundation (PCF) is an independent foundation created in 2007 through a partnership among NFL owners, the NFL Players Association, the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and the NFL Alumni Association.

PCF is dedicated to helping former NFL players improve their quality of life by addressing a broad spectrum of needs, including financial assistance, medical support, career programs, cardiovascular health, prostate health, and mental health.

PCF is proud to partner with one of the nation's premier medical providers, Tulane University School of Medicine, to conduct its Healthy Body & Mind Screening program. This complimentary national program is available to all NFL Legends and includes cardiovascular, prostate, and mental health screenings. Each year, a screening is held in the Super Bowl host city, including this year in New Orleans.

Also, during Super Bowl Week, PCF is hosting its Seventh Annual Super Bowl Career Fair, connecting NFL Legends with more than 35 employers. The PCF Career Fair is a culmination of the greater PCF Career Portal, a year-round job platform connecting 2,100+ NFL Legends with more than 140 national employers through monthly information sessions, career fairs, educational certificates, rotational programs, and more.

Since its inception, PCF has provided over $25.7 million to former players in need through financial grants, disaster relief, and mental health resources. Additionally, PCF has conducted more than 6,300 retired player screenings and has identified numerous life-threatening medical issues that were addressed immediately. The Foundation provides these programs and services with diversity, equity, and inclusion as a guiding principle in its work.

To learn more about the NFL Player Care Foundation, please visit **NFLplayercare.com** or email info@nflplayercare.com.

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THE YEAR AHEAD 2025

FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 3
INDIANAPOLIS

NFL SCOUTING COMBINE

Since 1987, the NFL Scouting Combine has been held in Indianapolis. This year, Lucas Oil Stadium will welcome more than 300 pro prospects for testing, drills, and workouts in advance of the NFL Draft, and NFL Network will again provide live coverage each day. Learn more at **NFL.com/combine**.

MARCH

FREE AGENCY/ ANNUAL LEAGUE MEETING

March is one of the busiest months of the non-playing season. The 2025 League Year commences Wednesday, March 12, at 4 p.m., highlighted by the start of free agency. Later in the month, on March 30 – April 2, NFL owners, coaches, and general managers will gather in Palm Beach, Fla., to discuss "all things NFL," including any changes to the playing rules for the 2025 season. Stay on top of the news at **NFL.com**.

APRIL 24-26
GREEN BAY

NFL DRAFT

Green Bay's Lambeau Field and Titletown campus are on the clock to host the 90th annual NFL Draft. NFL Network and ESPN will provide full live coverage of the three-day event — which begins in prime time on April 24 — while ABC will televise the first round. More details, including the updated draft order, are available at **NFL.com/draft**.

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MID-JULY

TRAINING CAMP

With the start of training camp, NFL teams officially begin their quest for a Super Bowl title. Follow NFL.com and NFL Network for analysis and insights from around the league, and NFL Network will again televise every preseason game. Get updates at **NFL.com/trainingcamp**.

JULY 31 – AUGUST 3
CANTON

PFHOF ENSHRINEMENT WEEK

Honor the Greatest of the Game at the 2025 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week. Visit **profootballhof.com/tickets** for information on tickets and VIP packages.

SEPTEMBER 4

NFL KICKOFF

The 2025 NFL season will open with a day-long celebration at the home of the Super Bowl LIX champion, continuing a tradition that began in 2004. This year's event in Kansas City featured performances by Coco Jones and Tasha Cobbs Leonard. Learn more at **NFL.com/kickoff**.

FEBRUARY 8, 2026
SANTA CLARA

SUPER BOWL LX

Levi's Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers, will host the Super Bowl for the second time when the NFL caps its 106th season with Super Bowl LX. The game will be televised by NBC. Learn more about the game and the events leading up to it at **NFL.com/superbowl** and **bayareahostcommittee.com**.

DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

INTERNATIONAL GAMES

Next year's NFL slate will have up to eight international contests, including the first-ever regular-season games in Madrid and Berlin. Designated home teams have been announced for London (Jets, Browns, and Jaguars), Madrid (Dolphins), and Berlin (Colts). The full list of dates, locations, and matchups will be available this spring on **NFL.com**.

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New Orleans Forever

Super Bowl XLIV was a defining moment for so many in The Big Easy. **BY TRACY PORTER**

AS I LOOK BACK ON MY PLAYING DAYS, I had a ton of great moments, but "The Pick" in Super Bowl XLIV against the Colts surpasses them all. It had an impact on so many: the Saints, my teammates, my home state of Louisiana, and the City of New Orleans. It also was a story of comebacks.

I always thought of my athletic career as one of overcoming adversity. Basketball was my first love, but in my junior year at Port Allen High School (outside of Baton Rouge), I joined the football team. I did it all — running back, receiver, kick returner, cornerback — whatever the coaches asked.

In 2004, Indiana University gave me the opportunity to play college football. But as I was preparing for my sophomore season at IU, my home state was facing incredible hardship. Hurricane Katrina struck in August 2005 and was devastating with its flooding, especially in New Orleans. Watching it on television, I felt powerless. Little did I know that a few years later, I would be part of the city's renaissance and doing a small part to uplift an entire region.

Despite some question marks about my size and physicality, I was a second-round pick of the Saints in 2008. I won a starting job at cornerback in the preseason, but then missed the last 11 games with a broken wrist.

2009 began as another year of challenges and adjustments, among them learning a new defense. Through it all, I just put in the work, kept my faith and family close, and stayed positive, hoping good things would happen. Good things did come to fruition, where we started 13-0 and were backed by the NFL's loudest fans. Everybody knew about our high-flying offense controlled by Drew Brees, but we were playing complementary ball. I overcame a knee injury that, thank God, only sidelined me a month.

We had a bump in the road when we lost our last three regular-season games, but we retained home-field advantage for the playoffs. In the NFC Championship Game, we were in a 12-round prize fight with the Vikings. Late in the fourth quarter with Brett Favre driving Minnesota for a potential game-winning score, our defensive leader Jon Vilma changed coverages, putting me in position for an interception. The Vikings never got the ball back, and we prevailed in overtime to reach the Super Bowl.

That was big, but something bigger was coming.

We arrived in Miami with the hopes of a rebuilding city and its fans on our shoulders. For our defensive secondary, the task was finding a way to stop — more realistically, slow down — one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time in Peyton Manning. We were a close group and put in the extra hours in the film room at night.

Gameday couldn't come soon enough. Ready to be a champion, I had my barber style my hair to show a Lombardi Trophy cutout. We fell behind early, but handled the ebbs and flows, and when Drew drove us for a fourth-quarter TD and two-point conversion, we held a 24-17 lead.

Tracy Porter's 74-yard interception-return TD in Super Bowl XLIV secured victory for the Saints and brought elation to the City of New Orleans.

Still, we needed to make a stop. Finally, on third-and-5 at our 31-yard line, there it was! Reggie Wayne ran a slant across my face, I read it and made the break. Seventy-four yards later, I was in the end zone with the ball ... and we were about to be crowned Super Bowl champions.

Aside from the birth of my kids, there was no better feeling, the years of hard work all worth it in an instant. The next two days would be a celebration in slow motion. Interview after interview, congratulations after congratulations, a mass of fans at the airport, a victory parade through downtown in Mardi Gras floats.

New Orleans and Louisiana were back on the map.

Now we welcome Super Bowl LIX to our city. It will be a great celebration of how far we've come, but I also can't wait to see the game. Every time I watch a Super Bowl, I'm reminded of "my moment." Whose moment will it be this year? We'll soon find out!

Tracy Porter played nine seasons in the NFL (2008-16), the first four of those with the Saints.

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